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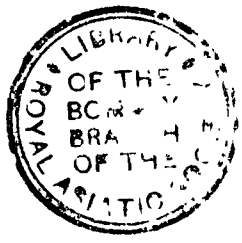

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LETTERS FROM FORT ST. DAVID 1748.

(VOL. No. I.)

No. 1

To RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
CHIEF &CA FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN.

We have receiv'd your Favours of the 28th. Novr. and 16. Ultimo and are glad to hear the Ilchester is Dispatch'd for Europe.

By a Dutch Ship that came from Malacca We have Advice that Commodore Paulet with three of his Majesty's Ships and five of the Companys left that Place the 12th. November and a Ketch that arriv'd from Bengall the 4th. brings Advice that she saw nine Ships off Point Palmiras the 20th. Ultimo so we must conclude those are the Ships and hope soon to see Them here.

The 6th. Instant Mr. Dupliex at the Head of all the Forces He could collect together, having withdrawn the greatest part of their Garrison from Madrass incamp'd about three Miles from our Bounds, We expected to have been attack'd that Night, but as They were preparing for it in the morning Mr. Griffin arriv'd with 4 Ships of his Squadron upon Sight of Them The French retired home again. A Party from Carrical consisting of about 120 Men came to Porto Novo the 5th. but did not join the Main Body, We guess the Enemy had about 1000 Europeans besides a great Number of Topasses Seapoys and Coffrees and were sufficiently prepar'd in every Respect for such an Undertaking.

The George Snow arriv'd here the 30th. Ulto. on whom came Mr. Charles Bourchier whom We have appointed Secretary. We are

FORT ST. DAVID.
THE 9TH. OF JANUARY 1747.8.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

No. 2

To WILLIAM WEST ESQR.
CHIEF &CA FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

Since our last of the 22nd. November We have not receiv'd any from You.

By a Dutch Ship that came from Malacca. We have Advice that Commodore Paulet with three of his Majesty's Ships and five of the Company's left that Place the 12th. November and a Ketch that arriv'd from Bengall the 4th. brings Advice that She saw nine Ships off Point Palmiras the 20th. Ulto. so We must conclude those are the Ships and hope soon to see Them here.

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THE 9TH. OF JANUARY 1747.8.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

No. 3

TO THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

This comes to advise your Honour &ca. of the Receipt of the One Hundred Thousand (100,000) Rupees You were pleas'd to remitt Us by way of Surat and Arcott, for which We must own ourselves greatly obliged to You, and request your Honour &ca. will be persuaded that We shall retain a Gratefull Remembrance of the Same.

His Majesty's Squadron, excepting the Medway, Preston, and Medway's Prize (which Ships are expected daily) are now with Us. And We have the Satisfaction of informing You that on the 11th. past the Ships York and Exeter of 60 Guns Each anchor'd in our Road from Europe and last from Ballasore where they left the Eltham Man of War of 40 Guns with three of the Company's Ships, (Vizt.) Winchelsea, Colchester, and Benjamin, which Ships likewise arriv'd here Two days after. The Cæsar and East Court are gone up the River of Bengall. The Exeter and Oxford arrived with Us Yesterday, who inform Us that the Lively Man of War, with the Warwick that was taking in Bales at Ingelee as fast as She could in order to come to this Place were to sail in a few Days. By these Ships We have no News further than what We have before advised You.

Some of the Seapoys from your Place having died, and deserted, and part of their Pay still continuing to their Families there We have inclos'd a List of such to You that the same may be stopp'd accordingly.

Inclos'd is Duplicate of our last to You under date the 1st. Ultimo, in which your Honour &ca. will please to observe a Mistake in the Amount of the Draught therein advised of, which Should have been but 1173 Rupees as will appear by our said Bills on your Honour &ca. We doubt not but the same has been duely discharged by You.

We have since taken the Liberty to draw on You in favour of Captain Wm: Gibbs for the Sum of 18. R. 1. q. 26. Rees which We must likewise request your Compliance with. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 16TH. OF JANUARY
1747.8.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servts.
CHARLES FLOYER &ca. Council.

No. 4

To Thomas Marsh Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Suratt.

This comes to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 27th. October with it's Duplicate and Original of the 12. November advising of having remitted Us by Order of the President and Council of Bombay 100,000 Rupees, which We having duely receiv'd take this Opportunity to inform You thereof. We are

Fort St. David
the 16th. of January 1747.8.

Gentlemen
Your most Humble Servants
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr*

No. 5

To Mr. John Andrews
Resident at Ganjam.

Sir

By Boat Seydal Madenah We receiv'd Yours bearing Date 26th. Ultimo, as likewise the Success's Rice and Ganjam Goods agreeable to the List and Bill of Lading.

With respect to the Loss of the Rice We are fully satisfied with what you say on that Head.

Expecting another Opportunity of forwarding some Money to your Factory very shortly We think it not safe to send You any on this Boat We are

Fort St. David
the 17th. of January 1747.8.

Sir
Your most Humble Servants.
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr*.

No. 6

To William West Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

This serves to inclose Duplicate of our last bearing Date 9th. Instant and to advise You of the happy Arrival of our long expected Fleet, On the 11th. past his Majesty's Ships York and Exeter of 60 Guns each arrived with Us having been at Ballasore where they left the Eltham Man of War of 40 Guns and three of the Company's Ships, (Vizt.) Colchester Winchelsea and Benjamin, which Ships likewise arrived here two days after the Cæsar, and East Court are gone up the River of Bengall. The Exeter and Oxford came into our Road the 15th. and are now with

Us as we are all his Majesty's Ships except the Medway Preston and Lively which last We expect daily with the Warwick. We have no News further than what We have before advised You. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 19TH. OF JANUARY 1747.8.

GENTLEMEN
Your most Humble Servants.
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

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FORT ST. DAVID
THE 19TH. OF JANUARY 1747.8.

GENTLEMEN
Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER &ca. Council

No. 8

TO THE HONOURABLE JOHN FORSTER ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Favours under date the 17th. and 26th. December with it's Postscript of the 29th. We duely receiv'd, and have the Pleasure of acquainting You that his Majesty's Ships York and Exeter arrived with Us on the 11th. past and the Honourable Compys Ships Winchelsea, Benjamin and Colchester under Convoy of the Eltham Man of War two days after. As did the Exeter and Oxford on the 15th. the two first of which with the Exeter We have thought proper to put under the Directions of Commodore Griffin, the Oxford We propose sending to Batavia and the Colchester We shall dispatch to your Place in a few Days with Orders to touch at Dougarassapatam to take in as much of the Redwood as She can find Tonnage for the Remainder We shall send by any other Conveyance that may offer and shall take the Opportunity of that Ship to reply to your foregoing Favours In the mean time We request your Honour &ca. will provide Two Thousand Bags of Wheat in readiness for her return hither as that Article will be much wanted as well for the

Service of his Majesty's Squadron as this Garrison. We are in daily Expectation of seeing the Warwick and preparing Our Packets to send by Her. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 25TH. JANRY 1747.8.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

P.S. Several of the Military from your Place, part of whose Pay is given their Families there mention that they are wrote they receive only Current Rupees. As our Paymaster has always stopp'd Arcott Rupees. We desire You will for the future order it to be Paid Them in Arcott Rupees, and to adjust the Difference for the Time past.

Having great Occasion for Copper to plate the Doors of the Magazines We must request your Honour &c^a. to supply Us with 200 or 220 Foot Square of Sheet Copper by the first Opportunity.

No. 9

TO THE HONOURABLE JOHN FORSTER ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We Shall now reply to your Favour of the 26th. January and are sorry We had it not in our Power to Send You a Supply of Treasure last Year, but We hope You will be so just to Us to believe We reserv'd no more to Ourselves than was absolutely necessary for the Expence of this Garrison, which We thought deserv'd to be maintain'd at almost any Charge and We have some Expectations that the Event hereafter will ju[s]tifye our Measures wherefore We cannot help remarking that the concern You express to find that no money passes our Port, is equall'd by our Suprise to Observe that none ever returns out of Yours for We must look upon the 25 Chests You have sent Us as a very slender Supply compar'd with our Wants, by which We shall be again plung'd into the utmost Difficulty's should any Accident detain our Outward Bound Squadron longer than the Month of March and You may easily judge of the Uneasiness of our Situation in Such Circumstances with so large a Squadron of the Kings Ships in the Road, unsupported by Credit, when your Honour &c^a. reflect upon this cooley, it cannot fail awakening your strictest Attention to our Preservation and Safety, therefore We shall leave it to You to judge how far it would be proper to send Us a further Supply of 25 Chests of Treasure, though We Should not hereafter have Occasion for it, in which case You cannot suffer much by our sending it back again to You recoin'd.

We must also beg leave to recommend the Northern Factory's to your Care who will be in great Want without your Assistance, as We are utterly incapable of giving Them any and an Investment of Calicoes from Vizagapatam and Ingeram

would certainly be highly agreeable to our Honourable Masters Your Honour &c^{a}. will excuse Us in giving our Opinion that those Settlements at Present in point of Trade ought to be first considered.

We shall demand from the Commander of the Bombay Castle the Difference of the Copper short deliver'd and advise our Honourable Masters of our Proceedings herein.

The Princess of Wales arriving on this Coast so very late We could not send Her to take in the Redwood at Durassapatam nor could We prevail with any of the Country Shipping to do it but We will take all Opportunitys of sending a Quantity to You, but it cannot be done in time for the Shipping now with You.

Upon the Broad Cloth and Perpets being landed here, the Warehousekeeper Reported several of the Bales to be damag'd upon which an Order was made for survey'd all that appear'd to be outwardly damag'd which was accordingly done in presence of the Captain. The Damag'd Cloth was sold at Outcry and the Account of it sent to the Company, We must agree with your Honour &c^{a}. that what you found bad must have been an Old Damage as the Outsides appear'd very fair here and the Ship that carried Them had a short Passage Inclos'd We sent You a Report on this Affair.

The Rice and Stores not being quite landed from the Ships Oxford and Exeter, We cannot advise how they turn out, but will not fail so to do in our next Letter.

We will settle the Affair of the Arrack design'd for our Use the last Year by the Fort S^{t}. George.

We are Oblig'd to your Honour &c^{a}. for consenting to let Captain Hollond remain here till we think proper to send him to take Charge of the Employ our Honourable Masters have appointed Him to.

M^{r}. Rosewells presence was absolutely necessary to settle some Accounts belonging to the Squadron which cannot be done without Him the Account did not come in to Us till after He went for Bengall, or We should have endeavour'd to settle Them before He went, but We must now send Them for Europe.

We shall adjust all short delivery's of Stores with the Commanders of the Ships as You desire, that they may not lay the Blame on our Conicoply's and Boatmen, Upon their Arrival at another Port.

Yesterday arriv'd the Warwick She brought Us your Honour &c^{as}. Favour of the 10th. We hope to dispatch her for Europe about the 12th. Instant and the Commander will have the necessary Directions given Him for his further Proceedings by this Ship We have receiv'd the Packet You sent Us & hope soon to have the Other You promise to send Us by another Conveyance.

Inclos'd come an Indent from our Storekeeper for Sundry's We are very much in want of. and We desire your Honour will supply Us with all of Them Procurable with You by the return of the Colchester, she will sail from hence in two or three Days We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
THE 5TH. OF FEBRUARY. 1747.8.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}*.

N°. 10

To the Honourable John Forster Esq^R^.
President and Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclos'd comes Duplicate of our last with the Papers it Inclos'd.

This comes by our Honourable Masters Ship Colchester, she is to call at Vizagapatam to land some Treasure and Stores and then to proceed directly for your Port and We desire your Honour &c^a^. will dispatch her back again to Us as soon as You have put on board the following Particulars or such part of Them as can be procur'd.

Wheat	2000	Bags.
Peas	200	D°.
Doll	300	D°.
Mustard Oyl	100	Jars.

some fine Rice We also desire. Your Honour &c^a^. will please to have a Particular Regard to the Indent sent with our last Letter.

We presume You are sending to Us the Stores that came out for this Coast being very bare of every Thing and hardly any Medicines in the Garrison, as We have wrote You so fully in our last, shall say no further at present only to recommend to your Honour &c^a^. a Speedy Dispatch of this Ship to Us again.

The Warwick will sail for England about the 12^th^ We are

Fort S^t^. David
the 8^th^. of February. 1747.8.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Charles Floyer &c^a^. Council.

N°. 11

To Richard Prince Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your two Letters of the 15^th^. and 16 Ultimo as also the 300 Bags of Rice with your Indents for Wares and Stores, which We shall comply with as soon as it is in our Power Inclos'd is a List of what We now send You, the Ships lately arrived having brought Us but very few of Them and the Gentlemen of Bengall having sent Us only twenty five Chests of Treasure, We can supply You at present with but twenty Thousand Rupees which comes by this Conveyance in three different Boxes one containing ten Thousand for your Place, another Seven Thousand for Ingeram and the third three Thousand for Ganjam which will serve for your present Expences and till We can furnish You with a further Supply and We desire that you will forward the Money for Ingeram and Ganjam by the first good Opportunity that offers and that You will not detain this Ship any longer than to land the Treasure &c^a^. She has on board for your Settlement.

Inclos'd is Invoice and Bill of Lading for the Sundry's sent You on this Ship We are

Fort S^t^. David
the 8^th^. of February. 1747.8.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Jun^r^*.

No. 12

To Mr. Thomas Saunders
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

We have receiv'd your several Letters of the 16th. and 27th. December and 20th. January with the several Papers inclosed and as the Colchester, is now a going to Bengall We have order'd her to call in at Vizagapatam to land a Supply of Treasure We have Sent for that Place and the other Factory's Seven Thousand Rupees of which is for your Use and We doubt not will serve for your present Expences and till We can send You a further Supply.

We have receiv'd your Indents for Wares and Stores which shall be complied with when it is in our Power, having as yet receiv'd none from Bengall, We are

Fort St. David
the 8th. of February. 1747.8.

Sir
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

No. 13

To Mr. John Andrews
Resident at Ganjam.

Sir

Having sent on our Honourable Masters Ship Colchester to Vizagapatam a Supply of Twenty Thousand Rupees for the Northern Factory's, the Gentlemen there will forward You three thousand for your present Expences and We shall send You a further Supply when We have it in our Power We are

Fort St. David
the 8th. of February. 1747–8.

Sir
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

No. 14

To Mr. Samuel Banks
at Maddapollam.

Sir

We hope You have receiv'd the Chay Goods from Coja Meerja & that You sent Them to Vizagapatam in time to be sent to Bengall on the Houghton but if they are not as yet put into your Possession write us the true Reason of it directly and You shall have Orders from Us on that Affair We are

Fort St. David
the 8th. of February. 1747.8.

Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Charles Floyer &ca. Council.

N°. 15

To Captain Richard Wood
Commander of Ship Colchester.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam where You are to deliver the Treasure and sundry other Articles We have laden on board You for that Settlement to the Chief and Council there As soon as You have deliver'd the Treasure &c^{a}. Which must be done with all Expedition You are to proceed to the River of Bengall and deliver our Packet to the President and Council of Fort William Whose Orders You are to follow for your further Proceedings. Dated in Fort S^{t}. David this 8th. day of February 1747.8.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Jun^{r}.*

P.S. You are to keep the Packetts directed for Bengall and Vizagapatam in readiness with a Weight to them to be flung over board in case your Ship is in danger of being taken by the Enemy.

Signed by Order of the Gov^{r}. & Council.
Charles Bourchier.
Secry.

N°. 16

To the Worshipfull Joseph Hurlock Esq^{r}.
Deputy Governour &c^{a}. Council
of Fort Marlbrough.

Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs

Our Honourable Masters Ship Oxford being a going to Batavia for a Supply of Arrack and lower Masts for the Squadron We have laden on board her Sundry's for your Place as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclos'd, where She will call to deliver Them, and must proceed on immediately to Batavia therefore You must on no account detain her longer than to deliver them; We have put on board this Ship under the Care of Captain Stevens five Chests of Treasure for Purchase of the abovemention'd Arrack &c^{a}. which is all We could Spare, and if You have any Bullion further than You are in immediate Want of, We desire, you will put on board this Ship all that can be spared not only for the purchasing a returning Cargo for this Ship but to supply the Necessity's of this Garrison which We hope You will be able to do, but You must not fail to put on board two or three Chests towards the Purchasing the returning Cargo, as the Sum We have sent on Her is not sufficient.

The Sloop Success whom We intended for the Use of your Settlement but was kept here for the Service of the Men of War, by a Gale of Wind that happen'd here the 4th. December had the Misfortune to be drove on Shore, as was also the Fogo a Fire Snow belonging to the Commodore, and the Medway who was then lying Guardship here having parted her Cables was obliged to put out to Sea by which means the Princess Amelia who was then lying in Pondicherry Road had an Opportunity of taking in between a Thousand and Twelve Hundred Bales of White & Blue Cloth and saild the 13th. at Night and as We imagine is gone to the Islands.

On the 6th. January M^{r}. Dupliex, seeing our Squadron did not arrive and imagining We presume that some Accident had happen'd to Them from the Gale of Wind as they spread such a Report came at the Head of all the Forces He could collect together having withdrawn the greatest Part of their Garrison from Madrass incamp'd about three Miles from our Bounds Hedge, We expected to have been attacked that Night but as They were preparing for it in the Morning, M^{r}. Griffin

arriv'd with 4 Ships of his Squadron upon Sight of whom the French retired Home again. A Party from Carrical consisting of about 120 Men came to Porto Novo the 5th. but did not join the Main Body We guess the Enemy had about 1000 Europeans besides a great Number of Topasses, Seapoys and Coffrees and were sufficiently prepar'd in every Respect for such an Undertaking.

On the 11th. January We had the Pleasure to see arive here His Majesty's Ships Exeter and York of 60 Guns and two days after the Eltham of 40 with our Honourable Masters Ships Winchelsea, Colchester and Benjamin, last from Ballasore where they left the EastCourt and Cæsar who were detain'd by the Gentlemen of Bengall for the Treasure &ca. they had on board.

As yet We have heard nothing of the Princess Augusta whom We have been long in Expectation of seeing and hope that no Accident has happen'd to Her.

The 16th. Ultimo We had the Satisfaction to hear from Mr. Bourchier, at Anjengo of the happy defeat of a French Fleet that was coming out to India by Admiral Anson and two days past We had the Pleasure to have it confirm'd from Bombay as also that a considerable Fleet of ours was to leave England in October on board of which was a large Number of Land Forces.

On this Ship We have sent four Felons Who are to serve the Company in the same Capacity's as Persons in their Circumstances did that were Sent from Madrass. We are.

Fort St. David
the 13th. of February. 1747.8.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr*.

P.S. On this Ship We have sent four French Men Who deserted hither from Pondicherry and as it is not so proper to keep Them here at present, We have sent them to your Place, where they may be some Service.

No. 17

To Captain Thomas Stevens
Commander of Ship Oxford.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board your Ship and Wind and Weather permitting make the best of your Way for Bencoolen where You are to deliver to the Deputy Governour and Council there such Stores as We have put on board for that Place which You are to unload with the utmost Expedition and then to proceed to Batavia where you are to purchase the following.

Good Batavia Arrack ... ... 400 Leagers.

Standing Masts. . .	Yds.	Inchs.	Diamtr:
For a Main Mast of a Ship of 60 Guns	33	9	32 3/8
For a Ship of 50 Guns	31	16	38 1/4
For a Ship of 40 Do.	29	6	28 3/8
Bowsprit of a Ship of 50 Guns	19	7	29
For a Ship of 40 Do.	18	16	27 3/8

℔ ℔wt	Anchors.
From 28 to 38	Seven
From 38 to 48	Three or Four

and for this Purpose We have put on board your Ship 5 Chests of Treasure, Which is all We can spare but We have desired the Deputy Governour and Council to put on board You what they can spare for this Purpose and We must recommend the Care of purchasing the above intirely to You after You have loaded your Ship which You must loose no time to do. You are to make the best of your Way for this Port The Governour will deliver You in Writing the Signals You are to make upon your going into Fort Marlbrough and which you are directed to follow. Dated in Fort St. David this 13th. day of February 1747.8.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

No. 18

TO THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last to your Honour &ca. date the 16th. Ultimo Duplicate of which comes herewith and two Days after came to Hand your Favour of the 4th. December.

In our last We acknowledged the Receipt of the 100,000 Rupees your Honour &ca. was so kind to remit which has been of great Service in carrying on our Honourable Masters Affairs at this Settlement and as our Expences are at present very great from the Largeness of our Garrison and the Fortifications We are about We are again to request your Honour &ca. will send Us a further Supply by the Shipping that may come round here in Aprill and May as We shall by that time be very low in Cash, the Gentlemen of Bengall having afforded Us but twenty five Chests of Treasure out of near three Hundred they have receiv'd by the Shipping lately arrived, which is by far too scanty a Supply for the great and many Occasions We have for Money in our present Circumstances.

This Morning sail'd our Honourable Masters Ship Warwick for Europe as did the Oxford for the West Coast and Batavia. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 15TH. OF FEBRUARY 1747.8.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

No. 19

TO RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

Just now We were favour'd with your Letter of the 31st. Ultimo and are glad to hear of the Success you met with in taking the French Boat. In our last Duplicate of which comes inclos'd you were duely advised of the Arrival here of Commr. Paulet and our Honourable Masters Ships under his Convoy, since when We have nothing new to inform You of excepting the arrival here of our Honourable Masters

Ship Warwick fully laden from Bengall the 5th. Instant who sail'd this Morning for Great Britain as did the Oxford for Bencoolen and Batavia, on the former was forwarded your Packet for the Secret Committee. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 15TH. OF FEBRUARY. 1747.8.

GENTLEMEN
Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

No. 20

TO THE HONOURABLE JOHN FORSTER ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Colchester Who sail'd hence the 11th. carried our last to your Honour &ca. of the 8th. Instant Duplicate of which We now inclose Yesterday our Honourable Masters Ship Warwick left this Place for Great Britain as did the Oxford for Bencoolen and Batavia.

By the Phazee Salam Who imported here the 13th. Instant We were favour'd with Yours of the 18th. Ulto. with the several Papers inclosed as also the EastCourts Packet on Her arrived Mr. Charles Turner Writer for this Place, and We are to request the Favour of your Honour &ca. that the rest of the Gentlemen who lately came out in the Honourable Company's Service for this Coast and now with you may be sent hither by the first Conveyance as We are in great want of Assistants to carry on the Company's Business. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 16TH. OF FEBRUARY. 1747.8.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servts:
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

No. 21

TO THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By the Phazee Salam who sail'd hence for the Malabar Coast and your Port We wrote You under the 15th. Instant which day came to Hand your Favour of the 11th. Ultimo; and the Commission it inclosed for Mr. John William has been accordingly delivered Him.

We hope your Honour &ca. will be able to comply with the request we made in our last for a further Supply of Treasure as our Ballance of Cash decreases dailey

and We shall very soon stand in need of it. We herewith inclose Duplicate of our last since when nothing material has happened. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 18TH. OF FEBRUARY. 1747.8.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servts.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

No. 22

TO THE WORSHIPFULL WILLIAM WEST ESQR.
PROVISIONAL CHIEF &CA. FACTORS
AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

Notwithstanding We have wrote to your Settlement by several Conveyances of late, We have not receiv'd any from You since the 21st. September Which does not a little surprize Us, and We hope the Enemy have not intercepted any of your Advices.

Inclos'd comes Duplicate of our last of the 19th. Ultimo since when arriv'd here our Honourable Master's Ship Warwick from Bengall who was dispatch'd the 14th. Instant for Great Britain and saild the next day as did the Oxford for Bencoolen and Batavia.

In our Letter of the 22nd. Novemr. We acquainted You of our having committed Bechan Cawn and several others (as ℔ the List then inclosed to You) to Prison for holding a treacherous Correspondence with the Enemy and then desired You would pay nothing further to their Familys with You, but did not intend that the rest of the Seapoys that were not concerned with Him should be excluded there from also We are therefore now to request You will continue it to their Familys as also pay the Arrears due to Them, they not having receiv'd their whole Pay here we imagining that Part had been paid by You.

Mahommed Cawn and several of the Seapoys under his Command as ℔ List inclosed being desirous that a part of their Pay may also be given to their Familys monthly We are to request your Compliance therewith and that it may commence from the beginning of this Month.

Since what You mention'd in your Letter of the 19th. March last We have heard nothing of the Timber and Plank belonging to our Honourable Masters lying at your Settlement and notwithstanding You therein say You cannot procure a Conveyance to send it to Us We are again to request You will find out some Means for getting it hither as soon as possible as it is an Article We are greatly in want of for carrying on our new Works and Buildings.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 20TH. OF FEBRUARY. 1747.8.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXR WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

No. 23

To Mr. Samuel Banks
at Mazulipatam.

Sir

Your Letter of the 24th. Ultimo is come safe to Hand and We are glad to find You have at last got the Chay Goods into your Possession and approve of the method You propose of sending Them to Vizagapatam, which We hope You have put in execution, otherwise it must be done on receipt of This with all Expedition, and on the[ir] arriv[al] there don't fail of advising immediately as We have detain'd a Ship here belonging to Coja Meerja's Son till the delivery of the Goods there. Concerning what You mention in your Letter to the Governour of the Juncan demanded by the Phousdar, We hope it is settled by Coja Meerja according to your Expectations, otherwise if the paying it is unavoidable We must consent to your so doing. We observe your having withdrawn Maddapollam Factory, and are not surprized at the Nabobs being disgusted at losing his Annual Present. your Intentions of proceeding to Vizagapatm. till his Displeasure is abated We intirely approve of and are

Fort St. David
the 16th. of March. 1747.8.

Sir
Your most Humble Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Willm. Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

No. 24

To Richard Bourchier Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Anjengo.

Gentlemen

The Occasion of this Dispatch is to advise of the Arrival here of our Honourable Master's Ships Porto Bello, Prince William, and True Briton, the 31st. Ultimo: They left Spithead the 7th. of August in Company with the Tryall and Swallow Snows, the former of which bound to Bengall arriv'd at Vizagapatam the 12th. of February and the latter is gone to Batavia having brought out Orders from the Prince of Orange To the General there. They have all except the Tryall been at the Cape and left there the Kent, who with the Marlb'rough & Salisbury lost their Passage Home and Wintered at Delagoa, The Lapwing arriv'd there the 18th. of August in thirty one Days from Bencoolen and sail'd the 22nd.

In our Honourable Master's General Letter by these Ships they have appointed this Place to be their Presidency on this Coast, and the Hoñble John Hinde Esqr. to be their President and Govr. Major Stringer Lawrence to take his Seat at the Board as third in Council & confirm'd the rest of the Council in their Respective Stations.

We are

Fort St. David
the 4th. of April 1748.

Gentlemen
Your most Humble Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Willm. Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

N°. 25

To the Worshipfull William West Esq^R^.
Provisional Chief &c^A^. Factors
at Tellicherry.

Worsh^LL^. Sir & Sirs,

The Occasion of this Dispatch is to advise of the Arrival here of our Honourable Master's Ships, Porto Bello Prince William, and True Briton the 31^st^. Ultimo; They left Spithead the 7^th^. of August in company with the Tryall and Swallow Snows, the former of which bound to Bengall arriv'd at Vizagapatam the 12^th^. of February and the latter is gone to Batavia having brought out Orders from the Prince of Orange, To the General there. They have all except the Tryall been at the Cape and left there the Kent, who with the Marlb'rough & Salisbury lost their Passage Home and Wintered at Delagoa. The Lapwing arriv'd there the 18^th^. of August in thirty one Days from Bencoolen and sail'd the 22^nd^.

In our Honourable Master's General Letter by these Ships they have appointed this Place to be their Presidency on this Coast & the Honourable John Hinde Esq^r^. to be their President & Gov^r^. Major Stringer Lawrence to take his Seat at the Board as third in Council & confirm'd the rest of the Council in their Respective Stations.

We are

Fort S^t^. David
April the 5^th^. 1748.

Worsh^LL^. Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
Charles Floyer &c^a^. Council.

N°. 26

To the Honourable John Forster Esq^R^.
President and Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Fort S^t^. George Sloop Who imported here the 20^th^. Ultimo We received your Favour of the 11^th^. February and the Sundry's sent by Her have been all duely receiv'd, but 51 Bags of the Rice was damaged We should according to your desire have return'd Her immediately, but having Advice of our Honourable Masters Ships, Porto Bello, Prince William, & True Briton, being at Galle and dayley in expectation of seeing Them here We resolv'd to detain Her till their Arrival that She might carry You the News of Them They accordingly imported here the 30^th^. Ult^o^. having left England the 7^th^. August in Company with the Swallow and Tryall Snows the former of which is come out with private Orders to the General of Batavia and the latter bound for your Port where We are glad to hear She is safely arrived. By these Ships our Honourable Masters have thought proper to Establish this Settlement for their Presidency on this Coast and to nominate the Hoñble John Hinde Esq^r^. to be their President and Governour Major Stringer Lawrence to take his Seat at the Board as third, and to confirm the other Gentlemen to be of their Council here; and all their Affairs to be on the same footing as they were in the Presidency of Fort S^t^. George, by the Death of M^r^. Hinde that Post now devolves to Charles Floyer Esq^r^. We desire You will send Us all the Bomb Shells You can possibly spare of 13 10. & 8. Inches as also Granado Shells.

On the Arrival of the Ships We immediately set about coining the Silver into Rupees and We expect to have a Quantity ready to send You in a few Days by the Prince William, and a further Sum by the True Briton in a short time after, as our Honourable Masters direct Us to return the Porto Bello to Them as expeditiously as possible We shall accordingly endeavour to procure a Loading for Her, which will Oblige Us to make use of a considerable Sum out of what now receiv'd, however We have great Reason to hope that the Ships from Europe will soon be with

Us, and We shall not fail to hasten to You what can possibly be Spared, Regard being had to the Investment and the Disbursments which by our Situation must fall to Us to discharge either on account of the Squadron or any Military Operations, which You will no doubt think with Us to demand our Care and Attention in the making due Provision for We cannot at present make any Estimate of what the latter may possibly require nor what after supplying You, may be left for the carrying on the Investment on this Coast, which We should be glad to make as considerable as possible as We reckon the Coast Goods must be extreamly acceptable at the Europe Markett from the small Quantity it has been furnish'd with of late, and of course very advantagious to the Honourable Company and as the Tonnage will be very large, that it will behove Us, to do our utmost to make all the Provision We can for their Return so as to ease the heavy charge of Demorage; so soon as the Ships arrive, We shall take this into Consideration and advise You fully of what Steps We take, & how far We may be able to assist in the Dispatch of the Shipping this next Season.

As the Porto Bello has brought Us no Stores except 15 Barrells of Gunpowder and a few other articles We have taken out of the Prince William and True Briton such as We wanted agreeable to the Liberty given Us by the Company, on which account We were Obliged to open the Packetts for your Presidency in order to draw forth the Invoices but they were immediately seal'd again. The Particulars of what We have landed from the Prince William & True Briton with their Packetts will be forwarded on the Respective Ships and that for your Presidency receiv'd by the Porto Bello, is deliver'd to the Care of the Master of this Sloop.

We are in a great Measure disappointed of the Quantity of Grain expected from the Northwd. so that We reckon We shall be under a Necessity of applying to your Honour &ca. for a Supply to be sent up in August. however We are willing to see the Shipping from Bengall and what may be further imported this Month, before We determine on the Quantity to write to You for; We propose to employ such of the Company's Shipping who can be spared for this Purpose. We are.

Fort St. David
April the 6th. 1748.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants.
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

No. 27

To Mr. John Hammond
Master of Sloop Fort St. George.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to the River of Bengall where You are to deliver the accompanying Packetts to the President and Council of Fort William, Whose Orders are to direct your future Proceedings. You are to keep the Packetts herewith deliver'd You with a Weight constantly slung to Them, and they must be flung Overboard in case your Vessell is in danger of being taken by an Enemy, but not till the last Extremity. Dated in Fort St. David this 6th. day of April 1748.

Chas. Floyer &ca. Council.

No. 28

To the Honourable William Wake Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Since our last of the 18th. February Duplicate of which We now send You inclosed came to hand the Duplicate of your Favour of the 11th. January.

We are now to acquaint You of the Arrival here of our Honourable Master's Ships Prince William, Porto Bello, and True Briton the 31st. Ultimo: They left Spithead the 7th. August in Company with the Swallow and Tryall Snows the former bound to Batavia and the latter to Bengall and arriv'd at the Cape the 4th. Novr, where was the Kent who with the Marlbrough & Salisbury Wintered at Delagoa, the Lapwing arriv'd there the 18th. August in thirty one days from Bencoolen and sail'd again the 22nd. These Ships in consequence of Orders they receiv'd from the Honble Company all touch'd at Gallee for Advices from this Coast which they accordingly found there and waited till the Harwich arriv'd with Them whom the Commodore sent for their Convoy, Since the Loss of Madrass the Honourable Court of Directors have thought proper to Establish this Settlement for their Presidency on this Coast and to nominate the Honourable John Hinde Esqr. to be their President and Governour (by whose Death that Post now devolves on Charles Floyer Esqr.) Major Stringer Lawrence to take his Seat at the Board as third and to confirm the other Gentlemen to be of their Council here and have Ordered all their Affairs to be conducted in the same manner as they were in the late Presidency.

By these Ships We have receiv'd three Packetts directed for your Presidency which least they should fall into the Enemy's Hands in the Overland Passage, We have thought proper to detain and shall forward Them to You by the Essex who will sail for your Port some time next month.

Having been largely supplied with Treasure by these Ships if your Honour &ca. have not already complied with our Request in remitting Us the Sum mention'd in our Letter of the 15th. February. We are to desire You will desist doing it now, as We have a sufficient Quantity for our present Occasions, and shall in all probability receive a further Supply by these Ships daily expected. We are

Fort St. David
April the 8th. 1748.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

No. 29

To the Honourable John Forster Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Fort St. George Sloop Who sail'd hence a few days past carried our last Letter to your Honour &ca. of the 6th. Instant Duplicate of which come inclosed, and We now dispatch to You our Honourable Masters Ship Prince William with 75 Bundles of Cotton Pzg. Cans. 51. 6. 6. and 20 Chests of Treasure as ℔ Invoice & Bills of Lading inclosed. We should have detain'd this Ship for some further part of the Treasure which is now coining into Rupees with the utmost Expedition, but having Information of the near approach of the Morattas to your Settlement We thought She might be of greater Service in sending Her now and what further quantity of Treasure We can spare from our Occasions shall be forwarded to You on the True Briton in few days Who will only stop a few Hours at Vizagapatam to land there a Supply for the Northern Factorys.

Md. lb.

We have procured the Quantity of Redwood your Honour &c^{a}. indented for, which shall be forwarded to You as Opportunity's offer.

The Particulars of what We have landed from this Ship comes inclosed, the amount of which being £4091. 12. 7 We shall credit your Presidency for.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
APRIL THE 13TH. 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILL^{M}. HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}*.

P.S.
Since Writing the foregoing imported here our Honourable Masters Snow the Swallow Who has brought out fourteen Chests of Silver which We have landed here.

N^{o}. 30

TO CAP^{T}. WILLIAM WEBBER
OF SHIP PRINCE WILLIAM.

SIR,

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to the River of Bengall where You are to deliver the accompanying Packett to the President and Council of Fort William Whose Orders are to direct Your future Proceedings. You are to keep the Packett constantly slung with a Weight to it & in case your Ship is in danger of being taken by an Enemy it must then be thrown Overboard but not till the last Extremity. DATED in FORT S^{T}. DAVID this 13th. day of April 1748.

CHA^{S}. FLOYER &c^{a}. Council.

N^{o}. 31

TO THE HONOURABLE JOHN FORSTER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By the Prince William We wrote your Honour &c^{a}. under the 13th. Instant Duplicate of which You will receive inclosed and this comes by our Honourable Masters Ship True Briton on whom We have laden fifty (50) Bundles of Cotton weighing Candies 33. Md. 1. lb. 19 and 2[5] Chests of Rupees as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed.

We shall credit your Presidency for the amount of the Particulars which We have landed from this Ship being £896. 8. 5½ as ℔ the inclosed List.

Inclosed You will also receive Copy of a Letter sent Us by the Governour & Council of Nagapatam which They have desir'd We would forward to all our Settlements, containing some Orders they have receiv'd from their Superiour's at Batavia

to suppress the French as much as possible and to keep up the strictest Correspondence with Us.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
21ST. APRIL 1748

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

P.S. Since closing the foregoing We have receiv'd your Favour of the 4th. Ultimo with the 13 Chests of Bullion ℔ Danbury. We have sent You already 40 Chests of Rupees by the Prince William & True Briton & what more Treasure We can spare from our own Occasions when We get it coin'd We shall not be dilatory in forwarding to You.

Our Honble Masters having recommended to Us to return Home speedily from hence some of their Ships; We are to request Your Honour &cª. will be pleas'd to assist Us with a sufficient Quantity of Salt Petre for the Kintledge of three by the first Opportunity. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS.
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER &cª. Council.

FORT ST. DAVID
22ND. APRIL 1748.

LIBRARY OF THE BOMBAY BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY

Nº. 32

TO RICHARD PRINCE ESQR
CHIEF &cA. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We are now to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 2nd. Ultimo as also Duplicate of that of the 10th. The Original not being yet come to Hand and it is with Satisfaction We hear of your having got the Chay Goods into your Possession, We would have You send Them to Us with what Bales You have on Hand when a good Opportunity offers.

By the True Briton We have Sent You Fifty Thousand Rupees as also Wares and Stores as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed There is also on board this Ship 20,000 Rupees and 3727. Madrass Pagodas with Wares and Stores for Mr. Saunders which You will advise Him of and We direct that He have the sole Use of what is sent Him, but to be kept with you if He thinks convenient We have also sent You for Ganjam 10,000. some Stationary Ware which you are to advise Mr. Andrews of and to forward the same to Him if He requests it We would have You immediately set about providing as much good Cloth as possibly You can of the Sortments mention'd in the inclosed List against September to be Sent Us by that time and as We have brought our Merchants to lower the Prices considerably from last Year We hope and do not doubt but You will be able to do the same.

We must recommend to You to get all the Cloth cur'd at your Place since our Washers will be kept fully Employed with what Cloth We are providing here, and as far as You are able. We hope You will remedy the Complaints our Honble Masters have remarked in the List of Investment You will likewise be carefull in the sorting and Embaling the Cloth as We may not have time to land it here.

Upon Mr. Prince's recommendation of Ensigne Love to the President for a Lieutenants Commission, We have thought proper to grant Him one, which comes inclos'd; to be Lieutenant of your Place, tho' if He should rather choose it He may come up here and take that Post in the Majors Company.

Inclosed You will receive Copy of a Letter Sent Us by the Governour and Council of Negapatam containing some Orders They have receiv'd from their Superiours at Batavia to suppress the French as much as possible and to keep up the strictest Correspondence with Us and We recommend to You to do the same with Them in your Neighbourhood.

By these Ships our Honble Masters have thought proper to appoint this Settlement to be their Presidency on this Coast, and to nominate The Honble John Hinde Esqr. for their President & Governour Major Stringer Lawrence to have the 3d. Seat at the Board, and to confirm the rest of the Gentlemen of Council in their respective Stations.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 21ST. APRIL 1748.

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED AT VIZAGAPATAM IN THE YEAR 1748.

		Covds.			Covds.	Inchs.
Long Cloth Ordinary	Long	72	..	Broad	2	6
Fine	do.	72	..	Do.	2	6
		Covds.			Covds.	Inchs.
Sallampores Ordinary	Long	32	..	Broad	2	5
Fine	Broad	32	..	Do.	2	5

The Fine Sorts not to exceed in value ¼ part of the amount of the Investment.

EXTRACT OF THE LIST OF INVESTMENT RECEIV'D FROM THE COURT OF DIRECTORS BY SHIPS PORTO BELLO, PRINCE WILLIAM, AND TRUE BRITON.

Great Care must be taken to keep all the Sallampores up to full Sixteen Yards long and the usual Breadth and take particular care that no damag'd Pieces are packed in the Bales, as a great many were last and some this Year, being full of Holes, many of Them with Holes darned up, and some with Patches in Them, more particularly in the ordinary Vizagapatam Sallampores.

We are

GENTLEMEN

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 21ST. APRIL 1748.

Your Affectionate Friends

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

No. 33

To Mr. Thomas Saunders
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

Your several Letters of the 20th. February by the Annapournah and 7th. March with Duplicate of that by Boat Hussain Bux, (the Original nor Chunam by Her being arrived) are all come safe to Hand and We have receiv'd the Chunam by the former.

We are glad to hear of your having received the Treasure Wares & Stores sent You by the Colchester and having been furnish'd by the Ships lately arriv'd with a further Quantity We now send you another Supply of 20,000 Rupees and Madrass Pagodas 3727. by the True Briton to Vizagapatam for the procuring an Investment at your Place the ensuing Year according to the inclosed List But as We think it too hazardous to have so large a Sum at your Place at one time We have directed that it be kept at Vizagapatam, and would have You send for it from thence as Occasion may require.

As We have but a small Number of Washers Who will be kept fully employed with what Cloth We are providing here We must recommend it to You to get all your Cloth cur'd and We hope You will remedy the Complaints our Honble Masters have remark'd in the List of Investment, You will likewise be carefull in the sorting and Embaling the Cloth as We may not have time to land it here.

The Ships Porto Bello, Prince William, & True Briton arriv'd here the 30th. Ultimo from England which They left in August last, and by Them We have receiv'd Orders from the Honourable Company for this Settlement to be their Presidency on this Coast, The Honble John Hinde Esqr. to be their President and Governour (by whose Death that Post now devolves on Charles Floyer Esqr.) Major Stringer Lawrence 3d. and the rest of the Gentlemen of Council are confirm'd in their respective Stations. We are

Fort St. David
the 21st. April 1748.

Sir
Your most Humble Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Willm. Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

P.S.

Inclosed You will receive Copy of a Letter sent Us by the Govr. & Council of Negapatam, containing some Orders they have receiv'd from their Superiours at Batavia to suppress the French as much as possible & to keep up the strictest Correspondence with Us, & We recommend to You to do the same with Them in your Neighbourhood.

List of Goods to be provided at Ingeram in the Year 1748.

				Covds.		Covds.	Inchs.
Long Cloth ..	Ordinary / Fine	Long.	72	Broad.	2	6
Sallampores ..	Ordinary / Fine	Long.	32	Broad.	2	5

					Covds.		Covds.	Inch.
Izzarees	Fine	500	Pieces.	Long.	16	Broad	2	1
	Superfine ..	400	Do.	Do.	16	Do.	2	1

The Fine Sorts not to exceed in value ¼ Part of the List of Investment.

EXTRACT OF THE LIST OF INVESTMENT RECEIV'D FROM THE COURT OF DIRECTORS ℔ SHIPS PORTO BELLO, PRINCE WILLIAM, AND TRUE BRITON.

Great Care must be taken to keep all the Sallampores up to full 16 Yards long and the usual Breadth and take particular care that no damag'd Pieces are packed in the Bales as a great many were last and some This Year, being full of Holes, many of Them with Holes darned up, and some with Patches in Them.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
THE 21ST. APRIL. 1748.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILL^{M}. HOLT.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}*.

N^{o}. 34

TO M^{R}. JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT GANJAM.

SIR

Two Days past came to Hand your Letter of the 15th. Ultimo and We hope You have receiv'd the 3000 Rupees lying at Vizagapatam for the use of your Factory.

On the 30th. Ultimo arriv'd here our Honourable Masters Ships Porto Bello, Prince William & True Briton from England which They left the beginning of August, By them We have receiv'd a large Quantity of Treasure and now send You on the True Briton to Vizagapatam 10,000 Rupees for the procuring an Investment of Sallampores at your Place which We have directed to be kept there and that You Send for it as your Occasions shall require as We think it too great a Sum to be trusted at your Place together, We must recommend to You to let your Cloth be of a good Manufacture and that You get as much cur'd as possible as our Washers will be kept fully employed with what Cloth We are providing here and You will likewise take great Care in the Sorting & Embaling the Cloth as it may proceed directly to Europe without being landed Here.

Our Honourable Masters since the Loss of Madrass have thought proper to constitute this to be their Presidency on this Coast and to nominate the Hoñble John Hinde Esq^{r}. to be President and Governour (by whose Death that Post now devolves on Charles Floyer Esq^{r}.) Major Stringer Lawrence to take his Seat at the Board as third and to confirm the rest of Gentlemen of Council in their respective Stations.

We intirely acquiesce in what You have done with the Success's Rice and in regard to the Present You made to the Nabob of Cuttack as You had Liberty for so doing from the President & Council of Fort S^{t}. George.

The Stationary ware You requested comes by this Conveyance to Vizagapatam.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
THE 21ST. APRIL. 1748.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}*.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED AT GANJAM IN THE YEAR 1748.

			Cov^{ds}.	Cov^{d}. Inch^{s}
Sallampores.	Ordinary.	Long.	32.	Broad 2. 5.

EXTRACT OF THE LIST OF INVESTMENT RECEIV'D FROM THE COURT OF DIRECTORS PER SHIPS PORTO BELLO, PRINCE WILLIAM, & TRUE BRITON.

Great Care must be taken to keep all the Sallampores up to full 16 Yards and the usual Breadth & take particular care that no damaged Pieces are packed in the Bales as a great many were last and some this Year, being full of Holes, many of Them with Holes darned up, and some with Patches, in Them. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 21ST. APRIL 1748.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
CS. F. &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 35

TO CAPTAIN HENRY BROADLEY
COMMANDER OF SHIP TRUE BRITON.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your Way to Vizagapatam where You are to deliver the Treasure and sundry other Articles We have laden on board You for the Northern Settlements As soon as You have delivered the Treasure &ca. which must be done as expeditiously as possible You are to proceed to the River of Bengall and deliver our Packett to the President and Council of Fort William Whose Orders You are to follow for your future Proceedings. The Packetts for Bengall & Vizagapatam must be kept in readiness with a Weight slung to Them and in case your Ship is in danger of being taken by an Enemy, must be thrown over board, but not till the last Extremity. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 22nd. day of April 1748.

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

No. 36

TO THE HONBLE JOHN FORSTER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed is Duplicate of what We wrote You last by the True Briton and the Occasion of this is chiefly to advise You of our having receiv'd ashore after the Account Particulars of what landed from the Prince William was closed. Two Chests and Two Cases of Medicines and one Bale of Broad Cloth fine mazarine Blue No. 1441. the amount of which You will please to acquaint Us with that We may give you due Credit for the same.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 24TH. APRIL 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants.
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

No. 37.

To the Honble Galenus Mersen Esqr.
President on the Coast of Choromandell
& Govrnour of Negapatam &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Favour of the 17/28 Instant, wherein You impart to Us the Resolutions of the Hoñble ye. Governour General & the Council of the Netherlands India in consequence of the Hostilities that have been committed of late by the Crown of France on the Territories of your Nation in Europe, for treating in all Respects the Subjects of that Nation as Enemys and to joyn with Us and those of our Nation in acting against Them, This is a Circumstance that whilst it affords Us the highest Satisfaction to be thus united with our Nation as Allies, it cannot but be a severe Mortification, to the Enemy to find a second Power to contend with, and You may be assur'd that We shall not fail to cooperate with You in revenging the Injurys and Insults of so base and perfidious a Nation, and to this Purpose we shall not fail to communicate to You what Intelligence We may from time to time obtain of the Enemys Motions & Designs and to concur with You on such and all Occasions the most proper measures for annoying Them, The Views of this Nation can now no longer be a Secret, Since those are fully evinced by the large Armament, they had prepar'd, and which was providentially met with and taken off Cape Finister in May last and since nothing less seem'd to be aim'd at than the establishing Themselves at the Expence of both our Nations We hope it will be soon in our Power to return Them the Compliment, our Cause is just and good, as is our Interest inseparable in this Case.

We have already forwarded your Packett to Bengall and We shall take care to send the necessary Orders to all our subordinate Factorys agreeable to your Desire.

We are with a respectfull Attachment.

Fort St. David
April the 30th. 1748.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very assur'd Friends and most
Obedient Humble Servants
Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Willm. Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr*.

No. 38

To the Worshll. William West Esqr.
Provisional Chief &ca. Factors
at Tellicherry.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

Since our last to You of the 5th. Ultimo Duplicate whereof is inclosed, We have been favour'd with your several Letters of the 22nd. March and 1st. & 9th. Ultimo and We hope You will be more frequent in your Advices than You have been of late for notwithstanding Mr. Wests frequent dispatches of private Letters to our President He never receiv'd above one in the interval of six months, nor was there any more than one of your Pattamars that return'd Those Who carried our Advices being Braminys of this Coast.

The hopes you give Us of being able to send part of the Timber and Plank by the Grandison are very Satisfactory as We are in such need of it and it will be a great Pleasure to Us to find that some of the Ships coming round to this Coast from Bombay have touched at your Port to take it in.

It was with great Pleasure We read your Account of the Exeter and Winchester's attacking The St. Louis and disabling Her in such a manner as yet We have heard nothing of the former notwithstanding it is now almost a month since She left your Place The Bills on the Agent Victualler and the Storekr. to his Majesty's Squadron are come to Hand and We shall take care to receive The amount. & give Your Settlement Credit for These Sums. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
2ND. MAY. 1748.

WORSHLL SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

P.S. Since Writing The foregoing imported Here His Majesty's Ship Exeter.

No. 39

TO RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

Since our last to You of the 4th. Ultimo a Duplicate of which is inclosed none from your Place has come to our Hands and having receiv'd a Letter from the Governour & Council of Negapatam, The Copy thereof We now send You, containing The Orders They receiv'd from their Superiours at Batavia by the Swallow Snow who arriv'd here the 11th. Ultimo to suppress The French as much as possible and on The contrary to afford Us all the Assistance in their power and Keep up the strictest Harmony and Correspondence with Us to which end they had sent the necessary Orders to all their subordinate Factorys on this Coast and request the same of Us which We have complied with.

The 26th. Ultimo sailed The George Snow for Great Britain and the 3d. Instant His Majesty's Ship Exeter anchor'd in our Road from your Side We are

FORT ST. DAVID
6TH. MAY 1748.

GENTLEMEN
Your most Humble Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

No. 40

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last to You bore date The 8th. Ultimo the Duplicate whereof you will receive inclosed since when We have not been favour'd with any from You.

A few days past was Sent Us a Letter from The Governour & Council of Negapatam a Copy of which is inclosed containing The Orders They had recd from their Superiours at Batavia by The Swallow Snow who Arriv'd here The 11th. Ultimo to do their utmost to distress The French and on The other Hand to keep up The

strictest Harmony & Correspondence with our Nation to which end They had sent The Necessary Orders to all Their Subordinates on This Coast and have requested the like of Us which We have complied with.

The 26th. Ultimo sail'd The George Snow for Great Britain and The 3d. Instant arriv'd here His Majesty's Ship Exeter from Tellicherry. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
6TH. MAY. 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servan[ts]
CHS. FLOYER &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 41

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM BARWELL ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Favour of The 17th. March ℔ Tryall Snow We have duely receiv'd as also the Treasure by Her and The Sundry Wares and Stores have turned out agreeable to Invoice on Her also arrived Mr. Fairfield who has accordingly taken his Standing from his arrival at your Place agreeable to your Advice thereof.

Enclosed is Duplicate of our last by the Calcutta Sloop.

The 25th. Ultimo sail'd the George Snow for Great Britain and We are

FORT ST. DAVID
17TH. MAY. 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servts.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

No. 42

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since We wrote You last under the 6th. Instant a Duplicate of which We now inclose We have been favour'd with your Letter of the 5th. Ultimo.

Having no material Occurrences to Advise You of at Present, We shall add no more than that We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 21TH. MAY 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS.
Your most Obedient Humble Servts.
CHARLES FLOYER &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 43

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By The Grampus Sloop who imported here The 30th. Ultimo came to hand your favour of the 4th. of that month as also The Duplicate of that of The 5th. April.

Enclosed comes Duplicate of our last of the 24th. Ultimo & We hope in few days to advise You of the arrival here of some of our Hoñble Masters Ships from Europe.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
1ST. JUNE 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE.

No. 44

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since our last of the 1st. Instant Duplicate of which comes inclosed We have not been favour'd with any from You.

This comes by The Tryall Snow belonging to our Honourable Masters, who carrys You four Packetts from Them which came to our Hands by the Ships Prince William, Porto Bello, True Briton & Swallow Snow which We did not care to forward by Pattamars overland as There would have been some risque of their falling into the Hands of The Enemy There is also one from the Chief & Factors of Tellicherry which We receiv'd a few days since.

On The 8th. Instant imported here our Honourable Masters Ship Lapwing in Three months and eleven Days from England, Who brings Advice of the departure of Mr. Boscawen with his Fleet from the Madeiras the latter end of December. and That all the Ships designed for India were sail'd excepting The Dolphin who was to be dispatched for your Place in few days after.

The 9th. at Night came into our Road from the Southward his Majestys Ship Lively, who was chased five Hours by a French Fleet consisting of 8 Sail of Ships & a Sloop four of which had two Tier of Ports and appear'd pretty large but The rest small and Yesterday about two in the afternoon They came in sight of this Place when they stood for the Road till We could discern Them very plain and then hauld off to the Eastward: The Commodore weigh'd about Eleven at Night and stood for Pondicherry, a little to the Southward of which Place He is now lying with his Squadron. the French Fleet being out of Sight.

This Vessell was designed to have been returned to Bengall, but having The aforemention'd Packetts for your Place We thought Her the properest Conveyance to send Them by and are to request your Honour &ca. will make The Commander and his Officers some Gratification on this Account. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
JUNE THE 11TH. 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
" " "
ALEXR. WYNCH.
THOS. COOKE.

No. 45

To Captain Francis Taylor
Commander of the Tryall Snow

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to make the best of your [voyage] for Bombay where when arrived You are to deliver The accompanying Packetts to the Hoñble the President & Council there and to follow their Orders for your future Proceedings. You must be carefull in keeping all The Packetts and Letters ready slung with Weights to Them to be flung Overboard in case You are attacked and in danger of being taken by The Enemy, but not till The last Extremity. We wish You a good Voyag[e and] are

Fort St. David
June the 11th. 1748.

Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
William Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Thomas Cooke.

No. 46

To Richard Bourchier Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors of Anjengo.

Gentlemen,

Our last to You bore date the 6th. Ultimo and The Occasion of this Dispatch is to advise of The arrival here of our Hoñble Masters Ship Lapwing The 8th. Instant in three months and Eleven days from England. by Her We learn that Admiral Boscawen with his Fleet left the Madeiras the latter end of December and that all the Company's Ships were dispatched for India except the Dolphin who was to sail in a short time after Her.

The 9th. at Night came into this Road his Majesty's Ship Lively, who being on a Cruize to the Southward was chased by eight French Ships & a Sloop for five Hours and the next Day about two in the Afternoon they came in sight of this Place and continued their Course for The Road till We could discern their Hulls very plain, when they haul'd off to the Eastward which Way they continued till about 7, and then They tacked and stood to the Southward again. At about 11 Mr. Griffin weighed & sailed with his Squadron to the Northward to prevent their getting into Pondicherry but They were out of Sight in The Morning as is our Squadron also at present.

It is now so long as ten Weeks since your last Pattamar arriv'd here, That We are in some apprehensions least The Enemy should have met with some of Them, to the contrary of which We hope soon to be convinc'd by the arrival of one here and are

[Fo]rt St. David
[...] June 1748.

Gentlemen
Your most Humble Servants
Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
William Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Thomas Cooke.

N°. 47

To Robert Rawdon Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Factors of Tellicherry.

Worsh^LL^. Sir & Sirs,

By The Grampus Sloop, Who imported here the 30^th^. Ultimo; We receiv'd your Letter of The 21^st^. as also Duplicate of that of the 18^th^. with a Copy of the Commodore & Council of Cochins Letter, (one of which purport We have also receiv'd from Negapatam) but the Original did not reach Us till the 8^th^. Instant The Packett that accompanyed them for the President & Council of Bombay has been duely forwarded according to your Request.

On The 8^th^. Instant arrived Here our Honourable Master's Ship Lapwing in three months and eleven days from England, who brings Advice of the departure of Admiral Boscawen with his Fleet from Madeira the latter end of December, and that all the Companys Ships designed for India this Year were also sailed excepting the Dolphin, who was to be dispatched in few days after.

The 9^th^. about ten at Night came into our Road his Majesty's Ship Lively, who as She was cruizing to the Southward met with a Fleet of French Ships consisting of Eight and a Sloop that chased Her five Hours, and the next Day about two in the Afternoon they appear'd in sight of this Place and stood pretty near the Road, but afterwards edg'd off to the Eastward: and about 7 in The evening tack'd and stood to the Southward again. About el[e]ven M^r^. Griffin weighed and stood to the Northward to prevent their getting into Pondicherry but They were out of Sight in The morning, as is also our Squadr[on] at present.

As yet We have not receiv'd the amount of the Bills of Exchange drawn on the Agent Victualler & Storekeeper of his Majesty's Squadron, but shall be carefull so to do and are

Fort S^t^. David
12. June 1748.

Worsh^LL^. Sir & Sirs
Your Obedient humble Servants

Cha^s^. Floyer.
Edw^D^. Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke.

N°. 48

To the Honble William Wake Esq^R^.
President & Governour &c^A^. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Enclosed comes Duplicate of our last of The 7^th^. Instant by the Tryall Snow The day after which disappeard M^r^. Griffin with his Squadron since when We have no account of Them. The French Ships We are informed went to Madrass where They landed some Treasure and Military and took in Water and fresh Provisions which having finish'd in few Hours they immediately sailed away again leaving a small Ship and a Sloop behind Them.

Mons^r^. Dupleix upon seeing our Squadron had left Us the 16^th^. Instant at Midnight march'd out of Pondicherry with a large Force and the next morning We had Advice of a Party consisting of about 2000 Men being to the Westward and upon the march to the Southward within few miles of our Bounds, upon which as We had Intelligence that They intended to attack Cuddalore that Night it was thought

proper to prevent Them in some measure by sending a Detachment from hence, which had the desir'd Effect for upon their making their attack about a quarter after nine they met with so warm a Reception that They thought it most prudent after a very short Stay to retire and are since marched back to Pondicherry; It's reported that they lost in the Engagement 30 Europeans & fifty Blacks and that the number of their Wounded & Deserted amounts to near 100 more. We have taken Prisoners & have Deserters and not one Single Man belonging to this Garrison receiv'd The least Hurt.

On the 19th. Instant arriv'd here the Ship Scarborough from England belonging to our Honourable Masters by whom We have receiv'd Advice of their Intentions to dispatch The Delawar for this Place Benjar & China & Directions to write to You and the Chief & Factors of Tellicherry to procure two or three Hundred Candys of Sandall Wood of the China sort for Her Who is to be dispatched as soon as possible after her arrival here to take it in and Enclosed comes an Extract of that Paragraph of their Letter to Us, as also a List of The Homeward bound Shipping's arrival in England last Year. We are

Fort St. David
21st. June 1748.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servants
Chs. Floyer &ca. Council.

P.S. Since writing the foregoing, a Boat is come in from ye. Commodore who is now a little to the Northward of Pondicherry & making the best of his Way up Hither.

No. 49

To the Worshll. Robert Rawdon Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors of Tellicherry.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

We wrote You last under The 12th. Instant a Duplicate whereof We now inclose, since when We have receiv'd no Advice of Mr. Griffins Squadron. The French Ships went to Madrass where We are informed they landed some Treasure and Military & took on board fresh Provisions & Water, which having finish'd by Midnight they immediately sail'd from thence leaving behind Them a small Ship & a Sloop, And the 17th. at Night We had a Visit from a Party [consist]ing of about two thousand Men from Pondicherr[y at] about a quarter past nine made an attack upon Cud[da]lore but We having before receiv'd Intelligence of their Intentions took care to strengthen that Place with a Detachment from hence Who gave Them so Warm a Reception that before Ten they thought proper to retire, with the Loss of about thirty Europeans and fifty Seapoys, besides a great Number that Deserted and others that were Wounded, and not one Man belonging to Us receiv'd The least damage.

The 19th. Instant imported here our Honble Master's Ship Scarborough, by whom We receiv'd Advice of their Intentions to dispatch the Delawar for this Place Benjar & China and Directions to write to You to procure two or three hundred Candys of Sandall Wood of the China Sort for Her who is to be dispatched from Hence in few Days after Her arrival to take it in, therefore the utmost Expedition must be made. We have wrote concerning this to the President and Council of Bombay and enclosed comes Extract of that Paragraph of our Honble

Masters Letter to Us, as also a List of the arrival of the Homeward bound Shipping from India last year.

We are

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS,

Your most Humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE.

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 21ST. JUNE 1748.

P.S. Since writing the foregoing a Boat is come in from the Commodore who is now a little to the Northwd. of Pondicherry & making the best of his Way up hither.

No. 50

[To Ri]CHARD PRINCE ESQR.
CHIEF [&C]A. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN,

We have received your two Letters of the 29th. April and 11th. May, to which We should have replied before now, but have waited for a Sea Conveyance that We might at the same time send You a Supply of Madrass Pagodas for the carrying on your Investment, as Rupees by the Scarcity of Pagodas were become in less Valuation in the Exchange the settling of which with your Merchants We intirely leave to You recommending your utmost Attention for our Honble Masters Interest and that You will lose no time in adjusting with Them as also in furthering the Investment all in your Power We are concerned to find the Cloth cannot be lower'd in the Prices by reason of your Competitors the Dutch having advanced thereon The Madrass Pagodas have been ready for some time, but We have been prevented forwarding Them, by the arrival of a French Squadron on the Coast, Who the 9th. Instant chased the Lively as She was cruizing to the Southward, and the next day at two in the Afternoon came in Sight of this Place and stood for the Road till We could discern Them very plain when They haul'd off to the Eastward and kept a good Offing till about Seven o Clock, at which time they tacked and stood to the Southward again, but this was only a feint for in the Night they alter'd their Course, and We hear since have been at Madrass. About 11 that Night Mr. Griffin weighed and stood for Pondicherry to prevent their getting in there To the Southward of which Place He lay all the next Day and in the Night He made Sail to the Northward, but could not overtake the Enemy; for being apprehensive as We imagine that our Squadron would soon follow Them, they only staid just whilst They could land some Treasure and military & take in fresh Provisions and Wate[r] which as soon as effected they immediately set Sa[il] again, but the way they are gone We are unacquai[nted] with. Upon our Squadron's having thus sail'd away [to] Leeward in pursuit of the Enemy Mr. Dupliex thought He could not have a better Opportunity to make an Attempt upon Cuddalore, therefore the 16th. at midnight He march'd out a Body of Men from Pondicherry Who the next morning about nine o Clock We had Advice were near our Bounds marching to the Southward and by some of their People That deserted to Us learnt their Intentions were to attack Cuddalore that Night which Place being pretty well stored with Merchandiz[e] and too great a Prize to fall into the Enemy's Hands without any Resistance, it was judged proper to Send a Detachment from hence to try to frustrate their Attempts, which had the desir'd Effect, for upon their making their Attack about a quarter past nine, they met with so warm a Reception That before ten They thought proper to retire, and as We are informed with the Loss of 30 Europeans and 50 Blacks besides Numbers Wounded, and not one of our Men receivd the least Damage, We have taken in this Engagement twenty five Prisoners & nine of their Europeans have deserted to Us.

On the 8th. Instant arriv'd here our Hoñble Masters Ship Lapwing as did the 19th. the Scarborough both from England, and The former in Three months and 11 days by Her We are informed of Mr. Boscawen's having left the Madeiras with His Fleet the latter end of December and that all the Companys Ships design'd for India, except the Dolphin who was to be dispatch'd in few days after were sailed. By the latter The Hoñble Court of Directors have thought proper to add four more Gentlemen to the Council of this Presidency, namely. Mr. Prince, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Goodere & Mr. Westcott, Who are to take their Seats at the Board as follows.

Mr. Prince ....Fourth & in case of Mr. Floyer's Death or Absence to succeed as President.
Mr. Saunders ... Fifth.
Mr. Goodere ... Seventh.
Mr. Westcott ... ninth.

Therefore We desire Messrs. Prince and Westcott will come up hither as soon as Possible, leaving Mr. Goodere in the Charge of the Companys Affairs at Vizagapatam with Mr. Banks to assist Him, till We can think of proper Persons to send down in their Room.

We are intirely satisfied with your deduction of the Sum You mention from the Price of the two pipes of Madeira Wine which were so deficient of the quantity they ought to have contained; and with Satisfaction observe the increase of Rupees 1049. 12 in the Price of our Hoñble Master's Farms.

Advise Mr. Saunders how You settle the Rupees with your Merchants as We shall direct Him to follow your Steps therein in Regard to what We have sent for the use of his Factory. By the first Conveyance that offers We shall not fail to furnish You with the Pitch & Tar You have wrote for.

Yesterday arriv'd here our Hoñble Masters Ship Duke of Dorsett from England who came out in company with the Scarborough but was parted from Her, in a hard Gale of Wind off the Cape. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
JUNE THE 23D. 1748.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
WILLM. HOLT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE.

P.S. Having recd Directions from our Hoñble Masters to send Them by every Conveyance an exact Account of their Estate here & at the Subordinate Settlements a Copy of which Para: comes inclosed therefore You will forward Us as soon as possible an account of what They have at your Place as also your Books for the last Year, as We cannot close ours till We receive Them.

No. 51

To MR. THOMAS SAUNDERS
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

Your Letters of the 17th. April & 16th. May have been duely receiv'd & Should have been long since replied to, but the want of a Sea Conveyance to send You at the same time some Madrass Pagodas has prevented Us, & when We shall now have an Opportunity We cannot be certain, till We are acquainted which way the French Fleet that arriv'd on the Coast the 9th. Instant have bent their Course, they that day chasd the Lively as She was cruizing to the Southward & the next at two in the Afternoon came in Sight of this Place and stood for the Road till We could discern Them very plain when They haul'd off to The Eastward, and kept a good Offing till

about Seven o Clock, at which time they tacked and stood to the Southward again, but this was only a feint for in The Night they alter'd their Course and We hear since have been at Madrass. About 11 that Night Mr. Griffin weighed and stood for Pondicherry to prevent the getting in there To the Southward of which Place He lay all the next day and in The Night He made Sail to the Northward, but could not overtake the Enemy; for being apprehensive, as We imagine that our Squadron would soon follow them, they only staid just whilst They could land some Treasure and military & take in fresh Provisions and Water, which as soon as effected they immediately set Sail again but The way They are gone We are unacquainted with. Upon our Squadron's having thus sail'd away to Leeward in pursuit of the Enemy Mr. Dupleix thought he could not have a better Opportunity to make an Attempt upon Cuddalore, therefore The 16th. at midnight He march'd out a Body of Men from Pondicherry, Who the next morning about nine o Clock We had Advice were near our Bounds marching to the Southward and by some of their People that deserted to Us learnt their Intentions were to attack Cuddalore that Night, Which Place being pretty well stor'd with Merchandize and too great a Prize to fall into the Enemy's Hands without any Resistance, it was judg'd proper to send a Detachment from hence to try to frustrate their Attempts, which had the desir'd Effect, for upon their making their Attack about a quarter past nine, they met with so warm a Reception that before ten they thought proper to retire, & as We are informed with the Loss of 30 Europeans & 50 Blacks besides Numbers Wounded, and not one of our Men receiv'd the least damage We have taken in this Engagement twenty five prisoners & nine of their Europeans have deserted to Us.

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We observe what You mention concerning the Boat Hussain Bux & shall write to Mr. Kellsall accordingly The Sundrys You have indented for, for presents, when any Conveyance offers shall be duely forwarded to You.

In regard to settling the Exchan[ge of] the Rupees We have left it to the Gentlemen of Vizagapa[tam] to act therein as They shall judge most for our Honble Masters Interest which as soon as They have finished We have directed Them to advise You thereof when you will act just in the same manner. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
JUNE THE 23D. 1748.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.

P.S. Having receiv'd Directions from our Honble Masters to send Them by every Conveyance an exact Account of their Estate here & at the Subordinate Settlements a Copy of which Paragraph comes enclosed therefore you will forward Us as soon as possible an Account of what They have at your Place as also your Books for the last Year as We cannot close Ours till We receive Them.

No. 52

To Mr. John Andrews
Resident at Ganjam.

Sir

The Occasion of this is to advise of the arrival of our Hoñble Master's Ships Lapwing the 8th. Instant: the Scarborough the 19th. & the Duke of Dorset the 22nd. the former in 3 months & 11 days, by whom We are acquainted with the News of Mr. Boscawen's having left the Madeiras the latter end of December with his Fleet & that all the Company's Ships design'd for India were sail'd except the Dolphin who was to be dispatch'd in few days after.

By these Ships our Hoñble Masters have given Us directions to send Them by every Conveyance An exact Account of their Estate here & at the Subordinate Settlements a Copy of which Para: comes inclosed therefore You will forward Us as soon as possible an Account of what They have at your Place as also your Books for the last Year as We are oblig'd to keep Ours open till We receive Them.

As the having a Quantity of Cloth at your Place may be attended with some Risque We direct as soon as any is cur'd You forward the same to Vizagapatam where it may remain with more Security. We are

Fort St. David
the 23d. June 1748.

Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Willm. Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.

No. 53

To Coja Petrus Uscan.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 4th. Instant & observe what you mention concerning the Capture of the Bussaro Ship, But as We do not interfere in any of the Admiral's Actions We must refer You to Him for an Answer thereto having delivered the Letter for Him which you inclosed to Us.

We are

Fort St. David.
27th. June 1748.

Sir
Your most humble Servants
Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Willm. Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.

No. 54

To Messrs. Samuel Harrison
& Henry Parsons.

Gentlemen.

Your Letter of the 22nd. December by a Dutch Sloop with that of the 18th. Jañry by the Princess Augusta who arriv'd here the 7th. May, We have duely receiv'd and are to desire your acceptance of our Thanks for the trouble You were at in procuring the Sundrys sent Us by Her which turn'd out agreeable to Invoice.

We are much oblig'd for the Advices You were pleased to transmit Us and with wishing You a Successfull & Speedy Voyage Home We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 7TH. JULY 1748.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

No. 55

To CAPT. PHILIP D AUVERGNE
OF SHIP SCARBOROUGH.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your Way for the Port of Canton in China where You are to follow all such Orders You receive from Messrs. Frederick Pigou, Thomas Shore, Samuel Court, Alexander Hume and Benjamin Tourin or such of Them as are Resident there for your further Proceedings ,and in case You should call at Malacca for Advices We direct that Your Stay be not above two or three days at farthest, DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 8th. Day of July 1748.

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.

No. 56

To CAPT. THOMAS FROGNALL
OF SHIP DUKE OF DORSETT.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship & make the best of your way for the Port of Canton in China where you are to follow all such orders You receive from Messrs. Lasco Hide, John Burrow, Thomas Sandys, Samuel Blount & William Fead, or such of Them as are Resident there for your further Proceedings & in case You should call at Malacca for Advices We direct that Your Stay be not above two or three days at farthest. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 8th. day of July 1748.

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.

No. 57

To THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having receiv'd the accompanying Packetts from the Chief & Factors of Tellicherry for you[r] Honour &ca. a few days past which they desire may be sent away with all Expedition, We now forward it accordingly as also one from the Chief & Factors of Anjengo which by mistake was omitted to be forwarded with our last.

. The 22nd. Ultimo arriv'd here from England our Honble Masters Ship Duke of Dorsett as did the Wager the 4th. Instant.

The inclosed is Duplicate of our last of the 21st. Ultimo with the Papers it inclosed & We are

FORT ST. DAVID
8TH. JULY: 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Humble Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.

No. 58

TO MR. JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT GANJAM.

SIR

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 17th. May and You acted very right in returning Back to Vizagapatam The Money designed for procuring your Investment upon the approach of the Nabob by whom You mention to have already suffered so much Mr. Morse has not yet laid before Us Papers You write of but when He does You shall hear further from Us.

It will be a great Satisfaction to Us to hear that the Country about You is settled by the Exchange of the Nabob, when We hope You will be able to prosecute the Investment with alacrity & procure the Cloth of a good Manufacture. We were ignorant of Your not being able to cure your Cloth when We wrote You so to do, therefore You will follow the same method you made use of formerly in That Respect.

We are
FORT ST. DAVID
9TH. JULY 1748.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.

No. 59

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM BARWELL ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We doubt not long before this the Lively must have arriv'd with You, by whom you will have been acquainted with our Reasons for being so long silent and not having sent You any more Treasure, We have now a Quantity coined into Rupees which We shall forward to You by some of our Honble Masters Ships as soon as We are inform'd of every Thing be[ing] safe with You & that the French Fleet is not gone [your] Way. for as yet We have had no further Account of Them. On the 17th. Ultimo at Night our Squadron being saild to the Northward in search of the Enemy, We had a Visit from a Party consisting of about Two thousand Men from Pondicherry Who about a quarter past nine made an attack upon Cuddalore, But We having before receiv'd Intelligence of their Intentions took care to strengthen that Place with a detachment from hence, Who gave Them so warm a Reception that before ten they thought proper to retire with the Loss of about thirty

Europeans & fifty Seapoys, besides a great Number that deserted and others that were Wounded, & not one of our men receiv'd the least Damage.

Of the Honble Company's Shipping design'd for this Coast this Year are arriv'd the Lapwing, Scarborough, Duke of Dorsett, Wager & Hardwicke, the latter the 8th. Instant having been at the Cape which Place She left the 11th. April & Admiral Boscawen there. Enclosed We send You a List of homeward bound Shipping from India last Year that have arriv'd in England.

Being in great want of the Sundrys indented for by the Colchester We are to request your Honour &c^{a}, will be pleased to dispatch her to Us as soon as possible. We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
10TH. JULY 1748

HONBLE SIR & SIRS.
Your most Obed^{t}. hum^{l}. Serv^{ts}.
CHA^{S}. FLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
W. HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

N^{o}. 60

To MESS^{RS}. FREDERICK PIGOU, THOMAS SHORE, SAMUEL COURT, ALEXANDER HUME & BENJAMIN TORIN. } SUPRA CARGOES OF SHIP SCARBOROUGH.

GENTLEMEN

There being an Addition to the Invoice of the Hardwicke of the C[h]arge the Company have been at of Forty Pounds for Fresh Provisions for each Supra Cargoe and Writer and thirty Seven Pounds Seven Shillings for Primage & Average paid to each Captain which They direct must be equally charged to the Eight Ships, We now inclose Invoice of the Scarborough with the additional Charges and are to request You will return Us the Invoice sent with the Ship.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most humble servants.
C F &c^{t}. Council.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
20 JULY 1748.

N^{o}. 61

To MESS^{RS}. LASCOE HYDE, JOHN BURROW, THOMAS SANDYS, SAMUEL BLOUNT & WILLIAM FEADE. } SUPRA CARGOES OF SHIP DUKE OF DORSETT.

GENTLEMEN

There being an addition to the Invoice of the Hardwicke of the charge the Company have been at of Forty Pounds for Fresh Provisions for each Supra Cargoe and Writer and thirty seven Pounds Seven Shillings for Primage & Average paid

to each Captain which They direct must be equally charged to the [Eight] Ships, We now inclose Invoice of the Duke of Dors[ett] with the additional Charges & are to request You [will] return Us the Invoice sent with the Ship. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
20TH. JULY 1748.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
W. HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.

No. 62

To CAPT. JOHN SAMSON
OF SHIP HARDWICKE.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the Port of Canton in China & to follow all such orders as You receive from Messrs. Lascoe Hyde, John Burrow, Thomas Sandys, Samuel Blount and William Feade, or such of Them as are Resident' there for your further Proceedings. What orders may be necessary to be observ'd in your Passage You will receive from the President & We strictly enjoin your Compliance therewith. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 22nd. day of July 1748.

C.F. &ca. as above.

No. 63

To CAPT. JOSIAH HINDMAN
OF SHIP WAGER.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your Way to the Port of Canton in China and to follow all such Orders as You receive from Messrs. Frederick Pigou, Thomas Shore, Samuel Court, Alexander Hume & Benjamin Torin or such of Them as are Resident there for your further Proceedings. What orders may be necessary to be observ'd in your Passage you will receive from the President and We strictly enjoin your Compliance therewith. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 22nd. day of July 1748.

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
W. HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

No. 64

To RICHD. BOURCHIER ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS OF ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv'd your two Letters of the 26th. May & 21st. June. The 19th. Ultimo imported here our Honble Masters Ship Scarborough, as did afterwds. the Duke of Dorsett, Wager & Hardwicke which have since all been dispatched for China & We had the Pleasure to see Admiral Boscawen in the Namure with the Deptford & The Bomb Tender Anchor in our Road & We hope the rest of the Fleet which He left in the Lattitude of 3 North will not be long after Him.

The Honble Court of Directors upon Advice of Mr. Hinde's Death have sent out another Commission by the Hardwick appointing the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr. to be President & Governour Mr. Edward Croke Second & to remain as Such,

Major Lawrence third & to remain as Such, Mr. Richd. Prince fourth & to succeed Mr. Floyer in case of Death or Absence Mr. Thomas Saunders fifth & in Case of any Accident to Mr. Prince to come to the Succession of the Government, Mr. William Holt Sixth Mr. Robert Goodere Seventh, Mr. Alexander Wynch Eigth & Mr. Foss Westcott ninth of their Council at this Place.

The French Ships which We [men]tioned in our last to have appear'd off this Plac[e on] the best of their Way to Madrass where they landed some Treasure and Military & took in Fresh Provisions & Water which being compleated in few Hours they immediately set Sail again leaving behind Them a small Ship & a Sloop & have not since been heard of. But the 17th. at Night Mr. Griffin with his Squadron being gone as far as Madrass, in Search of Them. We had a Visit from a Party of about two thousand Men from Pondicherry who about a quarter past nine made an attack upon Cuddalore, but as We had before receiv'd Intelligence of their Intentions, that Place was strengthened by a Detachment from hence who gave them so warm a Reception that before ten They retir'd with the Loss of about Thirty Europeans & Fifty Seapoys besides a great Number that deserted & Others that were Wounded & not one of our Men receiv'd the least Hurt.

Your Packett for Bombay which with your Letter of the 26th. May has been duely forwarded as will the other in a day or two & We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 27TH. JULY 1748.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants
C. F. &ca. Council.

P.S. Since writing the foregoing the Remainder of the Fleet is come in sight to the Northward.

No. 65

TO THE WORSHLL. ROBERT RAWDON ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS OF TELLICHERRY.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

Since our last Advices to your Place have imported here our Honble Master's Ships Duke of Dorsett, Wager, & Hardwick which with the Scarborough have all proceeded on their Voyage to China. By the Hardwick the Honble Court of Directors have sent out another Commission, appointing the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr. President & Governr. Mr. Edward Croke second & to remain as Such Major Lawrence third & to remain as such Mr. Richd. Prince fourth & to succeed Mr. Floyer in case of Death or Absence Mr. Thomas Saunders fifth, & to take the Chair, should any Accident happen to Mr. Prince Mr. William Holt Sixth, Mr. Robert Goodere Seventh, Mr. Alexander Wynch Eigth & Mr. Foss Westcott ninth of their Council of this Place.

The 25th. at Night came in two Pattamars from your Place, by whom We receiv'd your Original & Duplicate of the 10th. Instant & Yesterday we had the Satisfaction to see Mr. Boscawen in the Namure, with the Deptford & Bomb Tender anchor in our Road as We hope We shall soon the rest of His Fleet which He left in the Lattitude of 3 North We are.

FORT ST. DAVID
27TH. JULY 1748.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS,
Your most humble Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
W. HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.

P.S. Since the foregoing was wrote the Remainder of the Fleet are come in Sight to the Northward.

No. 66

To the Honble William Wake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 26th. May came to Hand the 24th. Instant and the Packett for our Honble Masters shall be duely forwarded by the first Conveyance.

We have now the Satisfaction to advise You of the arrival here of Admiral [Boscawen] the 25th. Instant in the Namure with the Dept[ford] & Bomb Tender & the next day appear'd the rest of the Fleet who are now all at anchor in our Road excepting the Deal Castle.

We shall dispatch another Pattamar to You in few days and are

Fort St. David
28th. Day of July 1748.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. Humble Servants.

Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
William Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.

No. 67

To Edwd. Peyton Esqr.

Sir

Having information of your being about to depart from hence in few days and design not to return here again We take the Liberty to lay before You some Accounts relating to his Majesty's Squadron when under your Command and request You will be pleas'd to let the same be adjusted & grant Us Certificates on the proper Officers in Europe for what Sums have been advanced by the Company & the Charges they have been at for Provisions &ca. for the same The Madrass Accounts having been sent by Mr. Morse to Tranquebar is the reason We can't lay Them before You now, but when They arrive from thence, we shall then immediately forward Them to You.

We are

Fort St. David
4th. August 1748.

Sir
Your most humble Servants

Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
William Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.

No. 68

To the Honble William Barwell Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Griffin carried our last to your Honour &ca. of the 10th. Ultimo, and We can't help expressing a good deal of Surprize at having rec'd none from You since the 17th. March by the Tryall Snow as you must be sensible of what Consequence frequent Advices are in these precarious Times; We have now the Satisfaction to-

acquaint You of the safe arrival here of Admiral Boscawen with all the Fleet both of King's & Company's Ships, and He is now marched out with all the Forces in order to Beseige Pondicherry & the Ships have fallen down thither also He has attacked a small Fort belonging to the French a little to the Southward of Pondicherry named Areacopang & We are in hopes We shall soon hear that He is Master of it. Adm[l]. Griffin left this Place in the Princess Mary with the Pearl, Preston, & Medway the 16[th]. & is gone to Trincomalay to repair those Ships for His homeward bound Passage.

As soon as We have advice of the Enemy's not having been with You We shall dispatch to You some of our Honourable Masters Ships with a Supply of Rupees which We are now coining as fast as possible out of the Bullion lately receiv'd.

Yesterday imported with [Us] from Batavia our Hoñble Masters Ship Oxfor[d].

We are

FORT S[T]. DAVID
17. AUGUST 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants,

CHA[S]. FLOYER.
EDW[D]. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
W. HOLT.
ALEX[R]. WYNCH.

P.S. Inclosed comes our Indent for Packing Stuff which We desire may be comply'd with by the first Conveyance, if your Honour &c[a]. have not supply'd Us by the Shipping now expected.

C. F.
E. C.

N[o]. 69

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQ[R].
CHIEF &C[T]. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

It is so long since Any Advices from your Place have come to our Hands, that We are not a little apprehensive least some of your Pattamars should have been intercepted by the Enemy, but if this is not the case We direct that in future They be sent once in a fortnight or three Weeks, as frequent Advices in these precarious Times are of great Consequence & direct them to keep wide of Pullicat, as they have lately all gone into that Place. We have now the Pleasure of acquainting You of the arrival of our Fleet here under Admiral Boscawen Who as soon as He had landed his Forces marched to the Northw[d]. in order to lay Siege to Pondicherry & We have advice that He is now incamp'd a little to the Southward of it near a small Fort belonging to the Enemy which We hope we shall soon hear He is Master of Adm[l]. Griffin in the Princess Mary with the Medway, Preston, and Pearl sail'd the 16[th]. for Crankenella Bay where He intends refitting those Ships for their Homeward bound Passage.

As there is a Scarcity of Grain at present in these parts We direct that You procure a large Supply of Wheat & send us up as soon as possible, and encourage the Merchants at your Place and near You to send up a large Quantity of Grain which We have agreed to let be imported Custom free for the September Trip in order to induce Them to send up large Supplys hither.

As We are in want of Surgeons We direct y[t]. M[r]. Robert Turing come up hither by the first Conveyance and on his arrival We shall not fail to Supply you with another in his Stead.

Yesterday imported with Us from Batavia, our Honourable Masters Ship Oxford.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID — GENTLEMEN

17TH. AUGUST 1748. — Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 70

TO THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM BARWELL ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

Having receiv'd Advice since our last of the 17th. August, from Vizagapatam, that by Intelligence from Ballasore there had been no French Ships there, We now dispatch to You our Honble Masters Ships Exeter & Winchelsea on whom We have laden 75 Chests of Rupees as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed.

The Exeter is ordered for Vizag[a]patam to carry a Supply of Money for the Northern Settlements The Winchelsea goes first to Durassapatam to take in Redwood and is afterwards to touch at Vizagapatam By these Ships the Chief & Council there are ordered to send down to You what Cloth They may have ready cur'd.

We hope the Colchester will soon arrive here having but little Wheat in the Place and a great Scarcity of Rice We therefore request Your Honour &ca. will secure about Sixteen Thousand Baggs of good Rice & Five Thousand Baggs of Wheat ready to be sent Us on the Company's Ships in December or early in January as We believe You will have some sent You for that Purpose.

We will by the other Ships send You a further Supply of Rupees.

We have sent your Honour &ca. three different Europe Packetts by the Medway's Prize, Essex and William.

We have receiv'd no Advices about the 8 French Ships that appear'd off this Place the 10th. June but have great Reason to believe They are gone to the Islands.

Our Honble Masters Ships Oxford arriv'd here last from Batavia the 16th. Instt. and brought us a large Supply of Arrack which was very acceptable. She left the West Coast the 11th. April when all was well there.

Enclosed We send your Honour &ca. an Extract of the last General Letter from Fort Marlbro. containing a Complaint against Captain Rannie for Nonperformance of a Contract made with the Deputy Govr. & Council there as also of an Exorbitant Bill of Charges for the Passage of 22 Lascars from your Place wherefore We are to request You will please to call that Gentleman to an account for such Proceedings.

The Winchester Man of War arriv'd here from Bombay the 19th. Instant in 14 Days but brings no News and not a Ship was arriv'd there from Europe.

Herewith comes Duplicate of our last & We have now the Satisfaction, to acquaint You that by a fortunate Shell's falling upon the Enemy's Magazine in Areacopang Fort which blew great part of it up; We have intirely drove the Enemy from thence and have taken Possession thereof.

On the Ship Winchelsea, We send Your Honour &ca. another Box Packett & are

FORT ST. DAVID — HONBLE SIR & SIRS

THE 22ND. AUGUST 1748. — Your most Obedient Humble Servants

CHAS. FLOYER &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 71

To Richard Prince Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We wrote You a few days past by his Majesty's Ship Medway's Prize a Duplicate whereof You will receive herewith, and this comes by our Hoñble Master's Ships Exeter & Winchelsea on whom We have laden a Supply of thirty two thousand (32,000) Madrass Pagodas to be equally divided between your Settlement and Ingeram, & 16000 Rupees for the Expences of your Garrison and as soon as We ca[n] procure Gold to get more coined, Which is now ver[y] scarce, We shall send You a further Supply of Pagodas.

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 25^th^. Ultimo and what Cloth You have already cured we would have You load on board one of these Ships for Bengall and consign it to the President and Council there. The Packing Stuff that You will require You will Indent for from thence by these Ships, to be sent You by any Conveyance that may offer in December, & We would have You with the Supply now sent You forward the Investment as much as possible and get what part thereof You can cur'd ready to send Us by any Conveyance that may offer in December.

On the Exeter We now forward the Broad Cloth You indented for.

Herewith comes Duplicate of our last & We have now the satisfaction to acquaint You that by a fortunate Shell's falling upon the Enemy's Magazine in Areacopang Fort which blew great part of it up, We have intirely drove the Enemy from thence & have taken Possession thereof. We are

Fort S^t^. David
the 22^nd^. August 1748.

Gentlemen
Your most humble Serv^ts^.
Cha^s^. Floyer &c^A^. Council.

P.S. We had forgot to mention to You to acq^t^. the Gentlemen at Bengall what Number of Bales You will have ready by Dec^r^. that They may order a Ship bound thither to take them in.

No. 72

To M^R^. Thomas Saunders
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 18^th^. July and observe what You mention in regard to not being able to get your Cloth cur'd but as We have not a sufficient Quantity of Washers to cure what is provided here You must at all Events get it done with You, for the sending Home so large a Quantity of Brown Cloth cannot be any ways agreeable to the Hoñble Company, as it will so much lessen the Prices of the Sales and what can be got ready by December We would have sent hither by any Conveyance that may offer at that Season.

By our Hoñble Masters Ships Winchelsea & Exeter bound to Vizagapatam We now send a Supply of 16,000 Madrass Pagodas for the carrying on your Investment & as soon as We can procure Gold which is now very scarce, to make more Pagodas We shall send You another Supply thereof.

As there is a great Scarcity of Grain here We direct that You send Us up as soon as possible a Supply of Wheat & the Guee the President acquaints Us he wrote You some time since to procure.

Agreeable to your Request for the staying some time longer till You can settle Your Affairs, We entirely acquiesce therein & are

FORT ST. DAVID
22ND. AUGUST 1748.

SIR,
Your most humble Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
W. HOLT.

LIST OF THE PACKETT TO BENGALL & SHIP EXETER.

No. 1. General Letter to the Honble the President & Council of Fort William Dated the 22d. August 1748.
2. Duplicate Do. Dated the 17th. August 1748.
3. Extract of the General Letter from Fort Marlbro: to Fort St. David Dated 10th. April 1748.
4. Invoice of Ship Exeter to Bengall.
5. Duplicate Invoice of Ship Winchelsea to Bengall.
6. First Bill of Lading for the Goods on board the Exeter.
7. Second Do. Do. for the Goods on board the Winchelsea.
8. List of the Packett.

FORT ST. DAVID August the 23d. [17]48. CHAS. BOURCHIER *Secry*.

No. 73

TO CAPTAIN WILLIAM WESTON
OF SHIP EXETER.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way for the Port of Vizagapatam where You are to deliver to the Chief & Council there, the Treasure &ca. You have on board for the Northern Settlements & take in what Goods they shall send on board You for Bengall, which when compleated you are to proceed directly for the Port of Calcutta in Bengall & to deliver to the President & Council there the Sundrys You have on board consigned to Them & follow all such Orders as You shall receive from Them for your future Proceedings. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 22nd. day of August 1748.

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
W. HOLT.

No. 74

TO CAPT. CHRISTOPHER BARON
OF SHIP WINCHELSEA.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Dourassapatam first calling at Pulliacat for a Pilot where You are to take in the Redwood that will be sent on board You belonging to the Honble Company from thence You are to proceed to Vizagapatam & deliver the Treasure &ca. We have put on board You for the Northern Settlements to the Chief & Council there and take in such Goods as They shall send on board You for Bengall which when compleated You are to make the best of your way to the River of Bengall & to deliver to

the President and Council there the Sundrys You have on board consigned to Them and follow all such Orders as You shall receive from them for your further Proceedings DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 22nd. day of August 1748.

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
W. HOLT.

No. 75

TO THE SUPRA CARGOES
OF SHIP ADMIRAL VERNON.

GENTLEMEN

This incloses Invoice and Bill of Lading of Ship Admiral Vernon as also Extract of the Honble Company's General Letter to this Presidency dated the 20th. January 1747, rec'd ℔ Ship Hardwicke. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
29TH. AUGUST 1748.

GENTLEMEN
Your most Humble Servants
C.F.
E.C.

No. 76

TO THE SUPRA CARGOES
OF SHIP EDGECOTE.

GENTLEMEN

This incloses Invoice and Bill of Lading of Ship Edgecote as also Extract of the Honble Company's General Letter to this Presidency dated the 20th. January, 1747, receiv'd ℔ Ship Hardwicke. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
29TH. AUGUST 1748.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants
CHAS. FLOWER.
EDWARD CROKE.

No. 77

TO CAPT. EDMUND COOKE
OF SHIP ADMIRAL VERNON.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the Port of Canton in China where You are to follow all such Orders You shall receive from the Supra Cargoes You are consigned to who are as ℔ the inclosed Extract of the Honble Court of Directors Letter to this Presidency Dated

the 20th. January 1747. What Orders may be necessary to be observed in your Passage You will receive from the President and We strictly enjoin your Compliance therewith. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 29th. Day of August 1748.

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.

WILLM. HOLT.

No. 78

To CAPTAIN JOHN PEARSE
OF SHIP EDGECOTE.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the Port of Canton in China where You are to follow all such Orders you shall receive from the Supra Cargoes You are consigned to, who are as p the Enclosed Extract of the Honble Court of Directors Letter to this Presidency Dated the 20th. January 1747. What Orders may be necessary to be observ'd in your Passage You will receive from the President and We strictly enjoin your Compliance therewith DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 29th. Day of August 1748.

CHAS. FLOWER.
EDWD. CROKE.

WILLM. HOLT.

No. 79

To THE WORSHLL. JOSEPH HURLOCK ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT MARLBOROUGH.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

Your several Letters of the 15th. October by the Princess Augusta, 3d. of January by The Brilliant and 10th. April by the Oxford We have duely receiv'd and shall now reply Thereto.

This You will receive by our Honble Masters Ship Benjamin, on whom We have laden Two hundred Bales. 200. and twenty two Candy's Thirteen Maunds & Eighteen Pounds 22. 13. 18. of Redwood for Europe and direct That You compleat her Tonnage with Pepper and dispatch her to Europe as soon as possible.

We have put on board Her also Thirty Six Bales one Ditto of Chints &c Moorees, Some Hospital Cloaths and Madeira Wine for your use.

It is very certain We omitted to insert in The Invoice The Allowance of Freight for The Bales sent by The Princess Augusta, which was Pagodas two thousand five hundred 2500, This Sum We shall Debt your Settlement for as you may Account Current London. What was told You by The Syrang in regard to The Lascars commencing pay The 1st. May was very just.

As We find You are so much in want of a small Vessell for The Service of your Place, We have Directed one to be built accordingly, and also approve of your having ordered Mr. Combes to purchase one; The Sloop Success which was lost here last December You must not omit to write off your Books.

Our present want of Military will not permit Us to spare You any from this Garrison and as to The Peons and Arabians You desire We find they are of so little Service to Us here, That We think it would be only putting The Company to an unnecessary Expence to send You any of Them, provided We could procure their

Consents to go, but very few of them will do that. You must Therefore make as good a Shift as You can with what few Europeans You have, till You are supplied with more from Home.

In regard to what You write Us concerning Mr. Fordyces bringing away, The Register Book of Marriages &c^{a}. We have inquired of Him and He acquaints Us as follows. That it was sent Him here to his great Surprize with some of his own Books he left behind at Marlboro: on the Sloop Success in September last and no sooner He found it among Them but he return'd it by the first Opportunity Viz^{t}. Captain Rannie Commander of the Fanny in the beginning of October and has receiv'd Advice by the Brilliant Snow that Mr. Hurlock had it in his Custody in November at least That it was Then delivered to Him, although You make no mention of it either by That Vessell or Ship Oxford.

We have receiv'd The Fanams and Cash You return'd Us by The Brilliant Snow and now send You on This Ship Fanams to the amount of Pags. 3445. Fas. 2. Ca. 22 and Cash to Pagodas 87. fa. 10. Ca. 16 which are made after The muster You sent Us & this is all We have ready made is the reason We do not now Send You The whole Quantity You desired. The Red & Blue Bettillaes for Colours not being ready also is The Reason Why They are not sent by This Conveyance.

The Ophium which You return'd Us on Account of it's being so bad, having been sold by Captain Byers He has paid Us The amount Thereof, As We have already done of what You wrote concerning Captain Rannie.

The amount of the Certificates you sent Us in favour of Robert Lennox Esq^{r}. for Dollars four thousand five hundred and The Rev^{d}. Mr. Fordyce for Dollars twenty nine, One Suco, have been duely paid to those Gentlemen.

Notwithstanding The French have had so many Fleets taken and destroyed This War, They found means to send one consisting of Eight Sail This way which the 10th. June appeared in Sight of this Place and We imagine would have proceeded directly for Pondicherry had not Mr. Griffin been lying here with part of his Squadron at that time, which when They could plainly discern, They immediately hau'ld off to The Eastward, & at dusk tackd and stood to the Southward but This was only a feint for as soon as it was dark They tacked again and made the best of their Way to Madrass, where They landed some Treasure and Military and after a Stay of about two Hours sail'd away again, but which way we are quite Ignorant; Mr. Griffin imagining they might push for Pondicherry about Eleven o Clock That Night, weighed and stood for That Road to prevent Them, and there He lay till the next Evening when finding They did not appear He went to Madrass, but it was too late and so he return'd hither again.

During Mr. Griffins absence Mr. Dupleix thought He could not have a better Opportunity to attack Cuddalore, so the 16th. at Night marched out 2000 Men 900 of which were Europeans, who the next morning We were advised were within 4 Miles of our Bounds and marching to the Southward about noon They were due West of Us and in the Evening went to the Southward & so came round upon Us: But having an account from some deserters that their design was upon Cuddalore there was a Party of Seapoys immediately sent thith[er] and in the Evening Major Lawrence went Himself. at a quarter past nine they begun their attack but met with so warm a Reception that in a very short time They thought it most prudent to retreat with the Loss of about 30 Europeans 50 Blacks & their Commanding Officer, & the next day went back to Pondicherry & not One of our People receiv'd the least hurt.

On the 26th. July we had the Pleasure to see Mr. Boscawen arrive in the Namure with the Deptford and Bomb Tender, and the next day the rest of the Fleet both of King's and Company's Ships followed Him; He is since gone to besiege Pondicherry, and has taken several of the Outworks belonging to it, by which the Enemy have lost a great Number of Men. The Ships have likewise fallen down thither and in a day or two We expect both Them & some Battery's of Cannon and Mortars that

have been erected will begin to play upon the Town; There has been several Bombs already thrown into it which We hear has done a great deal of Mischief, & We hope soon to advise You it is in our Possession.

We are sorry We can find no other Place of Banishment for those Poor Wretches, whose Crimes are not quite bad enough to merit Death; You must therefore still continue to be troubled with Them and this Ship brings You One named Nellanah Who is to remain with You, but the Other named Becan Cawn is to be sent to S^{t}. Hellena.

As We have not time to send a Person on board to muster the Benjamin's People and Examine her Warlike Stores, We direct that You do it before her departure from your Place, & send the Lists thereof in your Packett to our Hoñble Masters.

Inclosed is Manifest of the private Trade We have permitted to be shipp'd on this Vessell & if it is usual to pay Freight for the same You will see that Captain Meard, is satisfied accordingly. We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
[2ND.] SEPTEMBER 1748.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS,
Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.

W : HOLT.

P :S : Inclosed comes a Copy of This Ships Charter Party :

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE TRADE LICENCED BY THE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL TO BE SHIPP'D ON THE BENJAMIN FOR FORT MARLBORO VIZ^{T}.

BY NICHOLAS MORSE ESQ^{R}. CONSIGNED TO M^{R}. WOTTON BRAHAM.

WB

			Corge.	Ps.
N^{o}. 1 ā 5	4 Bales containing	Long Cloth Blue	16 :	
	1 Bundle D^{o}.	Moorees Blue	3 :	2

T'S.J H . . . BY M^{r}. ROBERT SLOPER TO JOSEPH HURLOCK ESQ^{r}.

N^{o}. 1 & 2	2 Bales containing	Blue Cloth half Piece	10 Corge	
3	1 D^{o}. D^{o}.	Long Cloth Ordin^{y} : White	Corge 19 :	P^{s} :
4 & 52	D^{o}. D^{o}.	Coarse Shirts 200.		
	1 Bundle D^{o}.	Shirts 12 & Caps 12.		

BY CAPTAIN GEORGE MEARD.

G :M :

1	Bale containing 200 Shirts.
1	d^{o}. d^{o}. 200 Waistcoats & 200 P^{r}. Breeches.
10	Corge of Childrens Tappees.
5	D^{o}. of Cambrick Yard wide.
1	D^{o}. of Apron Cambrick.
1	Corge of Apron Muslin.
1½	D^{o}. of Pallampores.
2	D^{o}. Strip'd Ginghams.
2	D^{o}. Pulliacat Handkerchiefs.
2¾	D^{o}. Cambays.
1	D^{o}. Moorees.
20	Patch of Chints.
1	Corge Clouded Ginghams.
½	D^{o}. Dimmity.
½	D^{o}. of bordered Muslin Handkerchiefs.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID 2ND. SEPTEMBER 1748.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER *Sec^{TY}*.

LIST OF THE PACKETT TO FORT MARLBOROUGH ℔ SHIP BENJAMIN VIZ^{TI}:

N^{o}. 1. General Letter To Fort Marlborough dated the 2nd. Sep^{r}. 1748.
2. Invoice of Sundry's Shipp'd on board The Benjamin for Fort Marlborough amo^{tg}. to Pag^{s}. [...].
3. Bill of Lading for D^{o}.
4. Manifest of private Trade licenced to be Shipp'd on the Benjamin for Fort Marlborough.
5. List of the Packett.
Copy of the Benjamin's Charter Party.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID THE 2^{D}. SEP^{R}. 1748.

CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER *Sec^{TY}.*

N^{o}. 80

TO THE WORSH^{LL}. CHARLES HUTCHINSON ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF
S^{T}. HELENA.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

Your Letter of the 26th. May 1747 by the Way of Bencoolen has come safe to Our Hands with the List of the arrival and Departure of our Hoñble Masters Ships at your Place and We shall by the next Conveyance take care to furnish You with the necessary's You have wrote for part of which We have not had time to procure since the Receipt of your Letter is the Reason they are not now sent.

It is with great Satisfaction that We are to acquaint You of the arrival here of Admiral Boscawen with the whole Fleet of His Majesty's and the Company's Ships and He is since gone to Pondicherry, which Place He has laid Siege to and has hitherto met with Success.

We have sent on the Ship this goes by to Fort Marlborough a Felon named Bican Cawn Who We have directed to be sent to your Place on the first Conveyance that goes from thence not caring to let Him stay there as he is a Mahometan, and having been a Person in Station may [c]ommit some disturbances & You will therefore treat Him as a Person whose Vicious practices have procured Him Transportation for Life.

We congratulate Charles Hutchinson Esq^{r}. on his Accession to the Post of Deputy Governour and wish Him Success therein. We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
2ND. SEPTEMBER 1748

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

CHA^{S}. FLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.

W^{M}. HOLT.

N^{o}. 81

TO M^{R}. ROGER CARTER
AT BENCOOLEN.

SIR

Your Letter of the 17th. October last by the Princess Augusta We have received, But the Money You sent on her, on Account of Cap^{t}. Jacob's Creditors

having been made use of at Batavia by Mr. Lesley and the second Mate We have as yet receiv'd but part thereof, tho' for the Payment of the Remainder Mr. Lesley is now under Confinement. The necessary Papers which You mention'd You would send Us not being yet come to hand, We desire they may be forwarded to Us by the first Conveyance that offers. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
2D. SEPTEMBER 1748.

SIR
Your most humble Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.

W. HOLT.

No. 82

TO THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM BARWELL ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Exeter and Winchelsea carried our last to your Honour &ca. as also Seventy five Chests of Rupees and by the Porto Bello you will now receive thirty five more

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of Lead and 27. 18. 13 of Cotton. The Bombay Castle We purpose shall follow this Ship in few days on whom We shall send You a further Supply of Forty 40 Chests which will be the utmost We can possibly spare from our own Occasions till the latter Ships arrive from Europe. The Demands We have at present to answer being very large & Our Stock little above One hundred Chests.

Inclosed comes our Storekeepers Indent for Sundrys which We are in want of and desire may be sent Us by the very first Conveyance especially the Cartridge Paper and Flints The last Paper You sent Us being too Thick for Musquet Cartridges and it is for That use that We are in most need of it.

By a Letter from Mr. Saunders at Ingeram He advises Us of a Boat named the Hussain Bux loaded with Chunam belonging to the Honourable Company, being drove by bad Weather to Ballasore where Mr. Kellsall had unloaded Her. We are therefore to request your Honour &ca. will order the same to be disposed of.

The Gentlemen at the West Coast having sent Us on the Brilliant Snow four Chests of Ophium which they receiv'd from your Honour &ca. by the Fanny and was so bad that it wou'd not sell there, Captain Byers accordingly dispos'd of the same in his Passage hither for Pagodas 257. 30. 69 which We have receiv'd & shall Credit Fort Marlborough for the same provided You have debted it.

Inclos'd We send your Honour &ca. a List of what our Paymaster stop'd from the Military of your detachment for the month of July & are to acquaint You that none of the others mention'd in. Mr. Altham's List of the 27th. May will consent to any part of their Pay's being Stoppd.

The Quantity of Bales We shall have to fill up what Ships You may send hither in January will be including those at the Northern Settlements from Eighteen hundred to two thousand for which You will send Us Tonnage.

By an Engagement with the Enemy a few days past Captain William Browne of the Detachment from your Place had the Misfortune to be Wounded in the Belly with a Muskett Ball of which He died the next day & Captain John Usgate has now the Command of the Detachment. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 4TH. SEPR. 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
W. HOLT.

P.S. We desire this Ship may be dispatched to us as early as possible with Directions to call at the Northern Settlements for the Bales the Gentlemen there may have ready. That We may send Her away from hence to join Mr. Griffin's Squadron at Galee soon in January.

LIST OF THE PACKETT TO BENGALL & SHIP PORTO BELLO. VIZT.

No. 1. General Letter to the President & Council of FORT WILLIAM DATED The 4th. Sepr. 1748.
2. Invoice of Cotton and Treasure laden on Ship Porto Bello.
3. Bill of Lading of Do.
4. Storekeeper's Indent for Sundrys wanting at FORT ST. DAVID.
5. Copy of Ship Porto Bello's Charter party.
6. List of the Bengall Military part of whose Pay Was stopt for their Family's for the month of July.

FORT ST. DAVID. 5TH. SEPR. 1748.
C.B. *Secry.*

No. 83

TO CAPTAIN BENJAMIN FISHER
OF SHIP PORTO BELLO.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way for the Port of Calcutta in Bengall where You are to deliver our Letter To the President & Council of Fort William, Whose Orders are to direct your future proceedings DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 4th. day of September 1748.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.

No. 84

TO RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS OF ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

Your Letter of the 16th. Ultimo came to our Hands the 2nd. Instant and by the first Opportunity that offers for Bombay Your Packett shall be forwarded thither.

Our Forces have made their approaches to within four Hundred and fifty Yards of the Enemy's Walls and We expect in a day or two more to hear our Battery's as well as the Ships are playing upon the Town. We are

FORT ST. DAVID — GENTLEMEN.

7TH. SEPTEMBER 1748. — Your most humble Servants

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.

W. HOLT.

No. 85

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your several Letters of the 22nd. July and 4th. August by the Winchester 4th. August by the Augusta & 8th. Ditto by the Success Galley We have receiv'd as also The Sundrys sent Us on those Ships, which were very acceptable but more especially the Horse Furniture of which we stood in great need, and for the amount thereof We shall duely credit Your Presidency; The Bills drawn by Lord Bertie on Mr. John Haman Agent Vicutaller to his Majesty's Squadron have been accepted but Mr. Robinson Naval Storekeeper being gone with the Squadron to Trinconomale, the President has wrote to Him concerning the Bill drawn on Him as also to Mr. Griffin for that on Him for the Gunpowder and when We receive their Answers shall not fail to advise You thereof; The Iron &ct. you receiv'd from Lord Bertie has been return'd to Him by Us and He has deliver'd Us the Sheathing Plank. You put on board the Winchester a[ll] which shall duely bring to Account.

Coja Shawmere's Bonds when the time for the Payment of them is elapsed shall be duely tendered to Him.

We can say nothing at present in regard to Coja Sultan's Affair as He is now at Pondicherry, But when We have an Opportunity we shall converse with Him about it and advise Your Honour &ca. what We have done therein.

The Seapoys and Military being all at Camp We cannot acquaint Your Honour &ca. at present of any Thing relating to the Stoppage of their Pay or of those who would have part thereof paid to Their Family's with You, but on their Return we shall make due Inquiry and advise You accordingly.

The Packett You sent Us for Our Honourable Masters was forwarded to Them a few days past, by which Conveyance We also advised them of the arrival of the Essex at Mocha.

Our Forces are now incamped to the Northward of Pondicherry & have carried on their Approaches to within 400 Yards of the Enemy's Walls, where they are erecting their Battery's and in few days We expect to hear that the Cannon and Mortars from them as well as the ships are playing upon the Town. We are

FORT ST. DAVID — HONBLE SIR & SIRS

THE 9TH. SEPTEMBER 1748. — Your most Obedient Humble Servts.

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.

WM. HOLT.

N°. 86

To THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This is chiefly to inclose Duplicate of our last of The 9th. Instant, and to advise You that We have received the amount of the Bills of Exchange drawn on Admiral Griffin & Mr. William Robinson Naval Storekeeper To his Squadron which We shall duely bring to your Credit.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 21ST. SEPTEMBER. 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
WILLM. HOLT.

N°. 87

To THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM BARWELL ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We now dispatch to You Our Honble Masters Ship Bombay Castle having detain'd Her till this time in expectation of the arrival of some Vessell from You with The necessary Supplys of Grain which we are at present in great need of But more especially The Wheat, having expended the last We had about a month Since for the Service of the Camp who are now obliged to eat Rice and very bad Bisket, which has proved prejudicial to the Healths of several of Them, & which might have been prevented had [the] Colchester been dispatch'd early to Us as We requested; [The] Reason of her Detention We cannot conceive and hope no accident has happen'd to Her.

On this Ship agreeable to Our Honble Masters Directions We have laden 300 Bales of Broad Cloth 40 Chests of Treasure & some Lead and Iron as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclosed. The Duplicate of our last which also comes herewith will inform You that this is The last Supply We can possibly furnish You with out of Our present Stock but if the latter Ships arrive soon with a further Quantity of Treasure You may be assured We shall not fail of sending You a part thereof.

In this Packet We have inclosed Your Honour &ca. an attested Copy of Capt. Baron's Receipt for 14 old Guns shipp'd on board the Winchelsea on her first Arrival at this Place with Invoice thereof & which did not occur at the time of her departure if therefore that Ship should be dispatch'd Home from Your Place You will cause it to be Inserted in her Bill of Lading as We have debted Your Settlement for the same.

Herewith Your Honour &ca. will receive the Adjustment of all Accounts between Your Presidency and this Place from April 1747 to April 1748 as also Copy of a Letter from the Commander of the Bombay Castle requesting that as He put twenty odd Tons of Kentlidge on board the Ship Lapwing at Bencoolen last Year in order to make room for a quantity of the Company's Copper, Pitch & Tarr from the Norfolk, We would write to Your Honour &ca. to supply Him with that Tonnage of Salt Petre over and above the Kentlidge You should otherwise put on board Him; We are therefore to desire Your Honour &ca. will please to comply with his Demands accordingly and also to furnish Him with the other Articles requested in his said Letter as We are not in a Capacity so to do out of the Stores belonging to this Garrison.

Inclosed Your Honour &c^{a}. will also receive Duplicates of the several Papers contain'd in the Porto Bello's Packett and Copy of the Bombay Castle's Charter Party. We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
THE 24TH. SEPTEMBER 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILL^{M}. HOLT.

N^{o}. 88

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM BARWELL ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This comes by our Honble Masters Ship Princess Augusta Cap^{t}. Michael Collings and as She will want as the Captain informs Us but little Repair, we desire Your Honour &c^{a}. will please to return Her to us early in December with a Supply of Wheat & Rice for Our Garrison. We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
24TH. SEPTEMBER 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble [Servants]
CHA^{S}. FLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.
W^{M}. HOLT.

N^{o}. 89

TO CAPTAIN MICHAEL COLLINGS
OF SHIP PRINCESS AUGUSTA.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of Your way to the Port of Calcutta in Bengall where You were to deliver Our Letter to Y^{e}. President & Council of Fort William whose Orders You are to Observe for Your future Proceedings. But if it should so happen that You are not able to gain Your Passage and fall to the southward of Point Palmeiras You are permitted to put into Ganjam, or any other Port thereabouts & endeavour to purchase a Cargoe of Rice which You are to bring to this Port as soon as possible. Dated in FORT S^{T}. DAVID. This 24th. Day of September 1748.

CHARLES FFLOYER &c^{a}. Council.

N°. 90

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

The Season being too far advanc'd at present for Us to send You a Supply of Madrass Pagodas on any of the Ships bound to Bengall; We have come to a Resolution to remit You some that We have procured for the use of Your Place and Ingeram, by Bill of Exchange, What Quantity & on whom You will be particularly inform'd in a private Letter from Our President.

Grain being very scarce here at present We hope the Presidents directions to Mr. Prince in a private Letter to procure a large Quantity thereof has been complied with more especially Wheat, of which Our Army is at present in great need being obliged to eat Rice & very bad Biskett. And We direct that all possible Encouragement be given to the Merchants near and at Your Place to send up large Supplys of Grain. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 27TH. SEPTEMBER 1748.

GENTLEMEN
Your most Humble Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
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WILLM. HOLT.
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N°. 91

To MR. THOMAS SAUNDERS
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

There being a great Scarcity of Grain here at present We are to repeat our directions to You not to omit giving all possible Encouragement to your Merchants and those near You to send up hither large Supplys thereof, as also that the Wheat We some time Since directed You to procure be forwarded as soon as possible with the Guee.

Having procured a supply of Madrass Pagodas for the use of your Factory & Vizagapatam & no Con[vey]ance to forward it to you, We have resolved to remit it [by a] Bill of Exchange of which You will be more particular[ly] inform'd from Vizagapatam. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 27TH. SEPTEMBER 1748.

SIR
Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
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WILLM. HOLT.
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N°. 92

To the Honble William Barwell Esq^R^.
President and Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the arrival of the Occident Sloop here Yesterday We had the Satisfaction to receive Your Favour of the 18th. Ultimo with Duplicate of that of the 25th. July which are the first that have come to Hand since what You wrote Us under the 17th. March by the Tryall Snow. We are pleased to observe that the Colchester was to be dispatch'd in few days after this Vessell, the sight of whom will be very agreeable, as We are at present in so great want of the Stores She is loaded with.

The Commission you inclosed for Cap^t^. John Holland is delivered to Him, and by the first Conveyance to England shall take Care to forward your Letter to the Honble Court of Directors.

Cap^t^. Rannie having arrived here since We wrote your Honour &c^a^. of the Complaint made against Him by the Gentlemen at the West Coast, has clear'd up that Affair to Us, therefore there will be no Occasion for Your Honour &c^a^. to trouble Yourselves about it. We are

Fort S^t^. David
the 30th. September 1748.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Rich^D^. Prince.
W^m^. Holt.
Foss Westcott.

List of the Packett to Bengall ℔ Ship Bombay Castle.

N°. 1. General Letter to the President and Council of Fort William Dated the 24th. September 1748.
2. D°. D°. To the President & Council of Fort William dated 30th. Sep^r^. 1748.
3. Duplicate General Letter to D°. dated the 4th. September 1748.
4. Duplicate Invoice of Cotton & Treasure laden on the Porto Bello.
5. Duplicate Bill of Lading for Ditto.
6. Duplicate Storekeeper's Indent for Sundries wanting at Fort S^t^. David, Dated the 4th. September 1748.
7. Duplicate List of Bengall Military Part of whose Pay was Stopp'd for their Families in the month of July.
8. Invoice of Sundries laden on Ship, Bombay Castle for Bengall.
9. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
10. Attested Copy of Cap^t^. Barons Receipt for 14 old Guns Shipp'd on board the Winchelsea.
11. Invoice of Ditto.
12. Open Account Current with Bengall Presidency from the 31st. May 1747. to 30th. April 1748.
13. Copy of Ship Bombay Castles Charter Party.
14. Copy of a Letter from Cap^t^. Thomas Browne to the President and Council of Fort S^t^. David. dated the 23^d^. September 1748.
15. List of the Packet.

Fort S^t^. David. the 30th. September 1748.
Cha^s^. Bourchier *Sec^ry^.*

No. 93

To Capt. Thomas Browne
of Ship Bombay Castle.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of Your way to the Port of Calcutta in Bengall where You are to deliver our Packet to the President and Council of Fort William whose Orders You are to observe for your future Proceedings. Dated in Fort St. David this 30th. Day of September 1748.

Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.
Richd. Prince.
Willm. Holt.
Foss Westcott.

No. 94

To Mr. John William Speck.

Sir

I am ordered by the President & Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 18th. August and to acquaint You, as the Honble Court of Directors have given Them the Liberty to take in such of the Madrass Servants as they should think proper (altho' they ceased to be such on that Settlements being taken). Agreeable to your Request as they have granted their Standing to several whom they have taken in, the same will be allowed so You on your arrival here, and they would have You make the best of your way hither. I am

Fort St. David
1st. October 1748.

Sir,
Your most humble Servant.
[Chas.] Bourchier *Secry.*

No. 95

To Mrs. Antonia De Medeiros.

Madam

Your Letter dated the 25th. Ultimo with Copys of three Bonds given to your Husband by the late President President and Council of Fort St. George for Money borrowed of him We have receiv'd and are very sorry to acquaint You, that as the Company have given possitive directions for no demands for Money lent at Madrass to be discharged till We have their particular Orders. We have it not in our Power to comply in the least with your request & must further inform You that the Company have directed Us to tell You, that wh[at] they give directions for the satisfying your demands [&] order it to be done On the Coast and not in Bengall. [We are]

Fort St. David
3d. October 1748.

Madam
Your most humble Servants

Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.
——— ———.
Richd. Prince.
Willm. Holt.
Foss Westcott.

No. 96

To Mr. Thomas Saunders.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

Your Letter of the 3d. February last with your Books as also that of the 8th. Ultimo We have receiv'd and upon Mr. Prince's arrival here having thought proper to appoint You to the ChiefShip of Vizagapatam, Mr. Churchey 2nd. & Mr. Banks 3d. of Council, we direct that You repair thither & take Charge of the Honble Company's Affairs in your Stead. We are

Fort St. David.

October the 3d. 1748.

P.S. Agreeable to what We wrote You the 27th. Ultimo by this Conveyance We have sent a Bill of Exchange for 10,000 Madrass Pagodas to Vizagapatam payable at Metchlepatam, 5000 of which We have directed to be sent to Ingeram for the carrying on the Investment [there].

Sir

Your most Humble Servants

Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.
——— ———.
Richd. Prince.
Willm. Holt.
Foss Westcott.

No. 97

To Mr. Robt. Goodere

Sir

Having thought proper to appoint Mr. Saunders to the Chief Ship of Vizagapatam, Mr. Churchey Second of Council and Mr. Banks third, We direct that on the arrival of Mr. Saunders there that you immediately repair to Ingeram and take Charge of the Honble Compy's Affairs there. We are

Fort St. David

3d. October 1748.

P.S. Agreeable to what We wrote You the 27th. Ultimo We now send You inclos'd first Bill of Exchange for 10,000 Madrass Pagodas on [Ver]jadoss at Metchlepatam, 5000 of which is for carrying on the Investment at Ingeram.

Sir

Your most Humble Servants,

Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.
——— ———.
Richd. Prince.
Willm. Holt.
Foss Westcott.

No. 98

To the Honble William Wake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since We last wrote You under the 21st. Ultimo not any from You has reached Us: And having come to a resolution to dispatch our Honourable Masters Ship Oxford to the Malabar Coast to compleat her Tonnage there, as We shall be able to

load on board her not above 300 Bales and some Redwood But understanding from the Gentlemen at Tellicherry and Anjengo that they have no orders from You to fill up any Ships that may be sent Round that way, We are to request, [that] You will immediately send the necessary Orders to those [Settle]ments for so doing, otherwise the Ship may be Obliged to wait there some time for her said Loading.

The Bond Signed by Coja Shawmier & Cap^{t}. James Barton for Rupees 8580.1^{qr}.
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36 Current of Bombay We have tender'd to Him, and as his Father Sultan David We understand is not for contesting the Attachment made by You of the 20,000 Rupees in Governour Wakes Hands, We have delivered up to Coja Shawmier & Cap^{t}. Barton their Bond and your Release upon Shawmiers giving Us a Receipt that He has receiv'd that Sum as so much in part of the Company's Debt to his Father for which the late President and Council of FORT S^{T}. GEORGE gave him three Bonds of the same Tenour and Date, which are at present at Pulliacatt, but as he will bring them here the said Sum will be Endorsed on them.

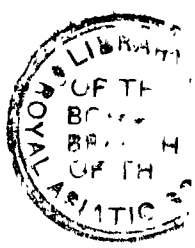
Having but a small Quantity of Gun Powder in Store We are to request your Honour &c^{a}. will send us by the first Conveyance which We hope will be by the Sloop our President requested of Gov^{r}. Wake might be built for the Service of Place, a large quantity thereof.

It is with great Concern We are to acquaint Your Honour &c^{a}. that from the Sickness of our People and the lateness of the Season The General has been obliged to raise The Siege of Pondicherry. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

4TH. OCTOBER 1748. Your most humble Servants,

CHA^{S}. FLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.
——— ———.
RICH^{D}. PRINCE.
WILL^{M}. HOLT.
——— ———.
FOSS WESTCOTT.



N^{o}. 99

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM BARWELL ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Colchester not being yet arriv'd We have now none of your Favours to reply to.

On this Ship Success We have laden 20 Tons of Iron ~~ ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed, a further quantity of which You will receive by the Griffin who will follow her in a day or two.

The Season being so very far advanc'd and a Sickness raging amongst our People has obliged the General to raise the Siege of Pondicherry, by which as We apprehend, We shall have the greatest part of his Majesty's Troops remain with

Us, We are to request You will be pleased to send Us a very large supply of Wheat and Rice as early as possible, Which We fear we shall soon be in want of, if the Colchester dont speedily arrive A Large Supply of Gun Powder will also be very acceptable as We stand in need of that Article. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
5. OCTR. 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most Humble Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
——— ———.
RICHD. PRINCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
——— ———.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

No. 100

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM BARWELL ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This comes by our Honble Master's Ship Lapwing, and as She is esteem'd a very good Sailing Vessell We must request your Honour &ca. will please to order Her to call here in her Way to Europe to carry Home the Generall's and our Advices. We have laden on board Her some Redwood as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclosed; & as We are pretty certain We shall soon be in great want of the Supply of Wheat and Rice with some Flower which We mentioned in our Letter by the Success, more especially if the Colchester should by any Accident loose Her Passage We earnestly desire that one of our Honble Master's Europe Ships may be sent Us with those Supplys to arrive here by the latter end of November at all Events, which should We fail of receiving We shall be in the greatest distress as We are at present so unfortunate as to have between Seven and Eight Hundred Sick Men in our Hospital. We are

FORT ST. DAVID,
5TH. OCTOBER 1748,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER &ca. Council.

No. 101

TO CAPTAIN FRANCIS CHEYNE
OF SHIP LAPWING.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengall where You are to deliver our Packett to the President & Council of Fort William whose Orders are to direct Your future Proceedings. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 5th. day of October 1748.

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
——— ———.
RICHD. PRINCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
——— ———.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 102

To the Hon̄ble William Barwell Esq^R^.
President and Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort William.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

This is chiefly to acquaint You of our having consigned You a Quantity of Iron on the Ship Griffin as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed & that as the Ships md. lb.
Success and Lapwing went away in so great a Hurry as to leave Candys 22. 11. 12. of their Redwood behind Them We shall forward that Quantity by some future Conveyance.

Should You not have sent Us the Quantity of Packing Stuff on the Colchester that We some time since indented for We request it may be forwarded by the Earliest Conveyance that offers, and are

Fort S^t^. David
10^th^. October 1748.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Humble Servants
Charles Floyer &c^a^. Council.

N°. 103

To the Worsh^ll^. Robert Rawdon Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Factors of Tellicherry.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

Agreeable to our Hoñble Masters Directions We now dispatch to You their Ship Delawar, to take in the Sandall Wood, which You have ready for Her, in Consequence of their Orders We have put on board Her Ten Chests of Treasure a[nd] She must as soon as She has receiv'd her Loading from You be dispatched for Benjar & China. With this Ship We also dispa[tched] our Hoñble Masters Ship Oxford for to compleat her Loading at Anjengo, which Should she not be able to effect there We have desired She may be sent on to You & You will therefore fill [her] up and dispatch Her to England; and for your having de[sired] for so doing from Bombay We have wrote to the President & Council there & We hope they will arrive with You before the Ship. The Delawar having Tons of Iron on board which can't be got at here, We desire You will take Care to receive it at your Place. We are

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Cha^s^. Floyer.
Edw^D^. Croke.
——— ———.
Rich^D^. Prince.
Will^M^. Holt.
Alex^R^. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

12^th^. October 1748.

Postcript.

On this Ship returns your detachment that came hither on the Exeter Man of War for who's diet on board We have agreed that the Captain shall receive 6 fanams ℔ day for each private Man & 12 Fan^s^. for the Officer.

No. 104

To Captain William Stevens
of Ship Delawar.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Negapatam where You are to land the Dutch Troops We have sent on board You which when done agreeable to your request You are permitted to go to Trinquenemalle to refit your Ship which when compleated You must make the best of your way to Tellicherry & follow what Orders You shall receive from the Chief & Factors there. What Orders will be necessary to be observed in your Passage You will receive from the President and We strictly Enjoin your Compliance therewith Dated in Fort St. David this 12th. Day of October 1748.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke

———— ————.

Richd. Prince.
Willm. Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott

No. 105

To Richard Bourchier Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors of Anjengo.

Gentlemen

Having put on board our Honble Masters Ship Oxford three hundred Bales & 30 Tons of Redwood as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed which being all the Tonnage We can possibly give her at present We now dispatch Her to Your Place where We hope you will be able to compleat it, but if not desire She may be sent to Tellicherry, where with what You will put on board Her We think She must be fully loaded. & for your having directions for so doing from Bombay We have wrote to the President & Council there and hope they will arrive with You before the Ship That She may run the less risque We have ordered the Commander to proceed to Gallee, and on his arrival there to immediately send you advice there of & We are to request that upon receipt of them you will send him proper directions, he forwards this Letter to You & a Copy of our Orders to Him comes inclosed. We are

Fort St. David
the 12th. October 1748

Gentlemen
Your most humble Servants
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke

———— ————.

Richd. Prince.
Willm. Holt.
Alex. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 106

To Capt. Thomas Stevens
of Ship Oxford.

Sir,

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Negapatam where you are to land the Dutch Troops We have sent on board You which when done you are immediately to make the best of your way to Gallee and on your arrival to send immediate Advices to the Chief and Factors of Anjengo to acquaint them thereof forwarding at the same time the Letter We now deliver You, and waiting their Orders for your future Proceedings. Dated in Fort St. David this 12th. Day of October 1748.

C. F.
E. C.
R. P.
W. H.
A. W.
F. W.

N°. 107

To the Honble William Barwell, Esqr,
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Having receiv'd by this Vessell a Letter from the President and Council of Bombay acquainting Us that they shall have on that Coast 1200 Tons of Surplus Pepper for any of our Honble Masters Ships that may be sent from hence or your Place to take it in and desiring Us to inform You what Tonnage We shall want to guide You in the sending any Ships from Your Place We are therefore to acquaint You that We have now dispatched the Oxford thither to fill up, who will require at least near 400 Tons, but as to what further Tonnage we shall want for any of the other Ships We are as yet Ignorant, of & shall not be able to inform You till they are discharged by the Admiral from His Majestys Service, which at present We see no likelihood of.

We are

Fort St. David.
13th. October 1748

Honble Sir & Sirs.
Your most humble Servants
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.

Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 108

To the Honble William Barwell Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By our Honble Masters Ship Colchester Who imported here Yesterday, came to Hand your Letter of the 5th, September: and the several Bills therein mention'd, which You have drawn on Us We shall duely discharge when the time is elapsed for the same.

The Stores by this Ship not being yet landed We can't inform your Honour &c^{a}. of the Quantity in the Eleven Chests and Casks but we shall not omit so to do when they have been Examined.

As We observe You have sent Us no Packing Stuff on this Ship, we are to request You will not omit supplying Us agreable to the Indent We lately sent You by the first Opportunity.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID.
OCTOBER 14TH. 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS.
Your most humble Servants,
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
——— ———.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILL^{M}. HOLT.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N^{o}. 109

TO THE WORSHIPFULL ROBERT RAWDON ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS OF TELLICHERRY.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

Inclosed comes Duplicate of what We wrote You under the 12th. Instant by the Delawar, by which Ship We have thought proper not to send the Detachment belonging to your Place as She is going to Trincomalay to clean, therefore We shall send them by some Conveyance bound directly for your Place.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
OCTOBER 14TH. 1748.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
——— ———.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N^{o}. 110

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM BARWELL ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

Herewith comes Duplicate of our Letters of the 13th. & 14th. Instant by the Hawk Sloop, as also an account of Sundries supplied Her with here for which You will please to Credit this Presidency, and inclosed We send You an Indent for Stores that We are in want of and request You will please to Comply with it as far as you possibly can.

Your Favour of the 19th. Ultimo by his Majestys Ship the Lively We have receiv'd and with pleasur[e] observe the safe arrival of our Honble Master's Ships Exeter and Winchelsea with You.

Having acquainted Your Honour &c^{a}. in our Letter of the 30th. Ultimo by the Bombay Castle of Cap^{t}. Rannies having been here & Clearing up, what was laid

to his Charge by the Gentlemen at the West Coast in regard to the Contract said to be made with Them we shall not therefore say any thing more now relating thereto.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID. HONBLE SIR & SIRS.

22ND. OCTOBER 1748. Your most humble Servants,

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
——— ———.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

No. 111

TO THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

The 20th. Instant We receiv'd Mr. Goodere's Letter of the 18th. Ultimo.

Inclosed comes Duplicate of our last of the 3d. Instant, and this is chiefly to forward Second Bill of Exchange for the 10,000 Madrass Pagodas We then remitted to You.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID GENTLEMEN

22ND. OCTOBER 1748. Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 112

TO MR. ROBERT GOODERE.
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR.

Mr. Saunders's Letters of the 28th. January by the Colechester & 10 & 15th. Ultimo We have receiv'd as also the 150 Duppers of Guee by the Boat Maddepollam, who arriving here so late We have thought proper to detain her here and bring Her into our River as as it will not be possible for her to return at this Season.

We are concern'd to observe there are disturbances in your Parts & hope they will not affect You so much as to prevent your getting a large Investment. Which We recommend to You to get as much of cur'd as possibly You can Inclosd comes Duplicate of our last & We are

FORT STA. DAVID. SIR

22ND. OCTOBER 1748. Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
——— ———.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

No. 113

To Richard Bourchier Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors of Anjengo.

Gentlemen

Not having a sufficient Number of Bales ready here to load our Honble Master's Ship Oxford with, the 12th. Instant We dispatched her for your Place to compleat her Tonnage as You will Observe by the Duplicate of our Letter which went by Her and Copy of our Orders to the Commander inclosed, But for his greater security in these precarious Times We have order'd Him first to touch at Gallee, and to wait there as the Illchester did last Year till He receives Your Orders to proceed.

From our Peoples being greatly Afflicted with Sickness and the Season growing very late the General thoug[ht] proper to raise the Seige of Pondicherry & the Forces are now all in Quarters.

We are

Fort St. David
26th. October 1748.

Gentlemen
Your most humble Servants
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
——— ———.
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

No. 114

To the Honourable William Barwell Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We think proper to advise You that upon Mr. Dupleix's refusing to Exchange Major Lawrence We have appointed Capt. John Hollond Capt. Commandant of this Garrison, He being the next Officer in Rank here and well Qualified for it He has return'd Us the Commission Your Honour &ca. Sent for Him.

We request You will send Us in January One hundred Fuzees being in great want of them.

The Hawk Sloop having Sail'd without landing Twelve Baggs of Mustard Seed She brought from Bombay for Our Use We are to request You will please to forward them to Us by the first Conveyance.

Inclosed We send You Duplicate of our last of the 22nd. Ultimo by Pattamar & We are

Fort St. David.
1st. November 1748.

Honble Sir & Sirs.
Your most Humble Servants
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
——— ———.
Richard Prince.
Willm. Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

Postscript.

The Ships Royall George and Rhoda not having landed several Pipes of their Madeira Wine We desire Your Honour &ca. will receive it from Them advising Us of the Quantity and Credit this Presidency for it.

N°. 115

[To] THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your several Favours of the 30th. August and 9th. September with Duplicate of that of the 19th. August By the Hawk Sloop We have duely receiv'd; the Original of which is since come to Hand and that Vessell after taking in some Water and Provisions sail'd a few Days past for the Bay, tho' through Mistake the Commander did not land the Mustard Seed You sent Us on Her.

Agreeable to your Honour &ca. Request We wrote to the Gentlemen in Bengall that We had sent the Oxford to take in part of the Surplus Pepper You acquainted Us You should have to fill up any Ships they or We might send to take it in But as We shall not be certain what further part thereof We shall be in want of till the Admiral discharges more of our Honble Masters Ships from His Majestys Service, we could not give them any further information.

The Original Packet You inclosed for the Honble Court of Directors We forwarded to them by the Swift Snow who sail'd the 20th. Ultimo.

This Vessell being in want of a good deal of Repair which cannot be done on this Coast is the Reason We now send Her to your Place, where We request Your Honour &ca. will do what is needfull to Her and dispatch Her to Us again as soon as possible, as She is of great Use to Us in carrying Advices.

On this Vessell We have sent two French Deserters who are willing to enter into our Service but as We are so very near Pondicherry We don't think proper to trust Them therefore take the Liberty to recommend them to your Honour &ca. to entertain them at your Place where they will have no Opportunity to be serviceable to the Enemy if they came with such an [Idea].

As We imagined the Detachment [of] Men that was sent to your Place on the Winchester would return to Us by that Ship, their Pay was receiv'd here till the Month of August last, but as We doubt not they have been paid by You We shall receive the same again from Capt. Andrews He also sends You an Account of the Number that have died and deserted belonging to your Detachment under his Command as also of the SeaPoys and Lists of those who desire a part of their Pay may be made good to their Familys, And as you mention to have made no Payments on that Account since the 30th. June We send You inclosed Our Paymasters Account of those whose Pay has been stopt here since that time which You will please to make good to their Familys. We are

FORT ST. DAVID.
NOVEMBER THE 14TH. 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most Humble Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
RICHD. PRINCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
[FOSS WESTCOTT].

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BOMBAY ℔ BRILLIANT SNOW, VIZT.

N°. 1. General Letter to the Honble the Presidt. & Council of Bombay Dated the 14th. November 1748.
2. Duplicate Do. do dated the 4th. October 1748.

3. List of the Bombay Military who desire a part of their Pay may be given to their Familys.
4. Do. of the Bombay SeaPoys who desire to receive their Pay at this Place.
5. Do. of the Men who have been killed, died or deserted belonging to the Bombay Detachment.
6. An Account of the Money that has been short paid the Bombay Military since the 30th. June which is to be made good to their Familys now residing at Bombay.

Fort St. David 14th. November 1748. Chas. Bourchier *Secry.*

No. 116

To Capt. Edward Burman
of the Brilliant Snow.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your Way to Bombay where on your arrival You are to deliver our Letter to the President and Council there and follow such Orders as You shall receive from them for your future Proceedings. In your way We would have You call at Colombo to gain what Intelligence You can if there are any of the Enemy's Ships cruizing off Cape Comorine or on the Mallabar Coast If not You must then proceed to Anjengo and advise with the Chief there if there is any probability of meeting with a Convoy at Tellicherry, of which if there is any likelihood You are then to make the best of your [Way] thither & take the Benefit of such Convoy otherwise proceed thro the Islands and go the outward Passage. Dated in Fort St. David this 14th. Day of November 1748.

Chas. Floyer.
Edward Croke.

Richard Prince.
Willm. Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

No. 117

To the Honble William Barwell Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having a few days past receiv'd from Tellicherry His Majesty's Proclamation for the Cessation of Arms as also the Preliminary Articles for restoring a Peace Signed by the Ministers of His Britannick Majesty, the most Christian King, & the States General of the United Provinces, which came Overland from Europe Viâ Bombay, We now forward Copys thereof to You inclosed.

Our Steward having delivered to Us a Report of the Wheat which came by the Colchester being extreamly bad & damag'd We immediately demanded of Capt. Wood the reason of it's being so who has return'd Us his Answer in writing (a Copy of which with our Stewards Report We now send You enclosed) And as he therein tells Us it was delivered him in that Condition, We are to request your Honour &ca. will give particular Directions that We are not served so in future as there will a great Loss accrue therefrom to our Hoñble Masters, great [part] of it being dust.

By a Pattamar that arrived Yesterday from Bombay, We receiv'd a Letter from the Hoñble Court of Directors dated the 10th. May in which they acquaint Us of the safe arrival of the Salisbury, Marlbro', & Brittania with them as also of the Severn and Kent in Ireland and that they were a preparing to dispatch for the Coast & Bay the Somerset & Pelham We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 21ST. NOVEMBER 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
——— ———.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGALL.

No. 1. General Letter to the Hoñble the President and Council dated 21st. November 1748.

2. Duplicate Do. Do. dated 1st. November 1748.

3. Copy of the Stewards Report concerning the Wheat receiv'd from Bengall ℔ Ship Colchester.

4. Copy of Capt. Woods Answer to the President and Council of Fort St. David's Letter concerning the damag'd Wheat receivd by Ship Colchester from Bengall.

5. Copy of the Preliminary Articles concluded at Aix La Chapelle.

6. Printed Proclamation of the Cessation of Arms.

7. Duplicate Account of Sundries Supplied the Hawk Sloop.

FORT ST. DAVID. 21ST. November 1748. CHARLES BOURCHIER *Secry.*

No. 118

To THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

In our Letter of the 3d. Ultimo We omitted to acquaint You of our having been obliged to pay 2¾ ℔ Cent for drawing the Bills of Exchange for the Money We then remitted You, for which We shall accordingly Debt your Factory.

From Tellicherry having receiv'd the 17th. Instant His Majesty's Proclamation for the Cessation of Arms as also the Preliminary Articles for restoring a Peace Signed by His Britannick Majesty, the most Christian King, & the States General of the United Provinces, Which came from Europe Overland We now forward Copys thereof inclosed. And Yesterday We receiv'd from Bombay a Packet from the Hoñble Court of Directors dated in May wherein they acquaint Us of the arrival of the Marlbro', Salisbury, and Britannia in safety with Them as also of the Severn and Kent in Ireland and that they were a preparing to dispatch to Us the Somerset & Pelham.

Being in want of some good Weights and understanding the twelve half hundreds belonging to Maddepollam Factory are at your Place, We direct that they be sent Us by the first Convevance that offers.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
21ST. NOVEMBER 1748.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
——— ———.
RICHD. PRINCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

No. 119

To MR. ROBERT GOODERE
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

When We wrote You under the 3d. Ultimo, and advised of having remitted to Vizagapatam 5000 Pagodas for the carrying on your Investment, We omitted to acquaint You that We had paid $2\frac{3}{4}$ ℘ Cent for drawing the Bills of Exchange by which that Money was remitted, for which We shall debt your Factory.

The 17th. Instant We receivd by a Pattamar from Tellicherry His Majestys Proclamation, for the Cessation of Arms and the Preliminary Articles for restoring a Peace Signed by His Britannick Majesty, the most Christian King, and the States General the 19th. April last, which are to take Place in these Parts in Six months from the said 19th. day of April, and Yesterday We receiv'd from Bombay a Packet from the Honble Court of Directors Containing the same. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
21ST. NOVEMBER 1748.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
——— ———.
RICHD. PRINCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

No. 120

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM BARWELL ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

There being no likelihood of getting Major Lawrence in Exchange and being advised that Mr. Dupleix was determined to send Him to Europe; We wrote your Honour &ca. in a Letter of the 1st. Ultimo that We had appointed Captain Hollond Commandant of this Garrison, and at the same time received from Him the Commission You were pleased to send Him, He being the oldest Officer with Us and had behaved Himself, very gallantly, especially in the Action when Major Lawrence was taken Prisoner, but upon Advice of a Cessation of Arms Major Lawrence had Liberty to return here, and has taken upon Him the Command of the Garrison, and We

have delivered to Captain Hollond again your Honour &c[a]. Commission, He designs to wait upon You by the first Conveyance and We hope our detaining Him here thus long will be no detriment to Him.

Inclosed We send Your Honour &c[a]. a particular Account of the Stores contained in the Eleven Chests and Casks ℔ Ship Colchester for the Amount of which, when You advise Us thereof, We shall duely give your Pr[es]idency Credit.

Inclosed We send You Duplicate of our last with the several Papers it contained and are

FORT S[T]. DAVID
2[ND]. DECEMBER 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants,
CHA[S]. FLOYER &C[A]. COUNCIL.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGALL.

N[o]. 1. General Letter to the President and Council of Fort William Dated the 2[nd]. December 1748.
2. Duplicate Ditto Ditto 21[st]. Nov[r]. 1748.
3. Duplicate Copy of the Stewards Report concerning the Wheat received from Bengall ℔ Ship Colchester.
4. Duplicate Copy of Captain Wood's Answer to the President and Council of Fort S[t]. David's Letter concerning the damag'd Wheat received Bengall ℔ Ship Colchester.
5. Duplicate Copy of the Preliminary Articles concluded at Aix La Chapelle.
6. Copy of the Proclamation of the Cessation of Arms.
7. Account Particular of Stores received from Bengall.

FORT S[T]. DAVID, 2[nd]. December 1748.

CHA[S]. BOURCHIER *Sec[ry]*.

N[o]. 121

TO THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ[R].
CHIEF &C[A]. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

The 26[th]. Ultimo came to Hand a General Letter from M[r]. Goodere of the 24[th]. October, in which We are concerned to find, that from the troubles in the Country He has met with great Impediments in procuring an Investment; but We hope they will soon be at an end & that You will be able to procure a large Number of Bales.

Mess[rs]. Prince and Westcotts Salary as Councillors of this Place having been omitted to be sett down in the Account thereof sent from your Place they have been paid their whole Salarys here, therefore it must be wrote back again in your Books as also their monthly Allowances which they have also received Here.

Inclosed comes Duplicate of our last & We are

FORT S[T]. DAVID
2[ND]. DECEMBER 1748.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW[D]. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICH[D]. PRINCE.
WILL[M]. HOLT.
ALEX[R]. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

Since closing the foregoing arriv'd Peons with M[r]. Goodere's Letter of the 31[st]. October 1748.

No. 122

To Mr. Robert Goodere
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

Mr. Saunders's Genl. Letter of the 1st. Ultimo We have received and must recommend to You to follow His Steps in giving Encouragement to the Grain Merchants to send large Quantitys thereof here, & to do all in Your Power to Procu[re] some Wheat.

Inclosed comes Duplicate of our las[t] and the occasion of this is chiefly to forward the accompanying Packet to the President and Council of Fort William. We are

Fort St. David — Sir
2nd. December 1748. — Your Affectionate Friel

Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richd. Prince.
Willm. Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

No. 123

To Thomas Byfeld Esqr.
&ca Factors of Tellicherry.

Sirs

It was with Concern We heard this Morning from our President the news of Mr. Rawdon's Death, which He received last Night.

The occasion of this is chiefly to advise You that as Mr. Rawdon wrote our President the 22nd. August last there was five thousand two hundred and Eighty Candys of Pepper at your Place, We have come to a resolution (as We understand from Admiral Boscawen that He will return all the Company's Ships to Us soon) to send the Colchester to take in a Loading thereof and shall accordingly dispatch Her to You in few Days and desire You will let Us know, the Quantity You will have remaining when She is filled. We are

Fort St. David — Sirs
6th. December. 1748. — Your very Humble Servants

Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richd. Prince.
Willm. Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

No. 124

To the Worshll. Joseph Hurlock Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
of Fort Marlbrough.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

The Success Galley being bound to Batavia, but designed to touch at your Place furnishes Us with an Opportunity of acquainting You that We received the 20th. Ultimo from Bombay, a Packet from the Honble Court of Directors that came

by the way of Bussaroh in which was one inclosed for You, and which We have opened and herewith send You a Copy thereof with His Majesty's Proclamation for the Cessation of Arms, but the Original shall follow by our Hoñble Masters Ship Princess Augusta, whom We shall dispatch to You some time next month with the usual Supplys for your Settlement.

By Advices received from Bombay a few Days past We are acquainted of the arrival there of our Hoñble Masters Ships Dorrington and Stretham.

Inclosed comes Duplicate of our Letter of the 2nd. September by the Benjamin, at whose Departure We did not doubt but We should now have been able to have advised You of being Masters of Pondicherry but many of our Men falling Sick and the Season growing late for the Ships to remain on the Coast, the 5th. October, the Siege was raised and the Forces all returned here the 7th. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
13TH. DECEMBER 1748.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Your Affectionate Friends
& Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

No. 125

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Duplicate of what We wrote Your Honour &ca. by the Brilliant Snow the 14th. Ultimo We send You herewith.

The 20th. Came to hand your Letter of the 15th. October, with one from the Hoñble Court of Directors, which brought Us the agreeable News of the Cessation of Arms and of the likelihood of a Peace.

We have delivered and forwarded the Letters for Admirals Boscawen & Griffin as We shall a Copy of that from our Hoñble Masters to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort Marlbrough to morrow by the Success Galley who purposes to call there in Her way to Batavia.

Admiral Boscawen having acquainted Us that He will deliver over all the Companys Ships to Us soon, We have resolved to dispatch the Colchester now lying here to Tellicherry in few days to take in Her Loading there, and to sail from thence directly for Europe. The 11th. Inst[ant] We received a Letter from the President & Council of Fort William in which they advise that they intend to send Us the Winchelsea, Porto Bello, & True Briton and leave it to Us to dispatch such of Them to the Malabar Coast to take in the Pepper as We Shall judge proper, and were a preparing to dispatch the Lapwing for Europe who would be ordered to call here for to carry Home our Advices. We shall therefore wait till We hear from Tellicherry

what Quantity of Pepper they will have remaining after the Dispatch of the Colchester before We resolve upon sending any other Ship that way. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
14TH. DECEMBER 1748.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most Humble Servants

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE
RICHD. PRINCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT

No. 126

To CAPTAIN LASHLEY BAILEY
OF THE HAWK SLOOP.

SIR

Hearing of your having lost your Passage to Bengal and being at Trincamalay, We hereby direct that You immediately on Receipt hereof, make the best of Your way hither as We shall have an Opportunity of loading the Pepper You have on board, on one of the Honourable Company's Ships for Europe. Dated in Fort St. David this 18th. day of Decr. 1748.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
——+—— ——.
RICHARD PRINCE.
+—— ——.
——— ——.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

No. 127

To THOMAS BYFIELD ESQR.
&CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

In Consequence of what wrote You the 16th. Instant by Pattamar a Duplicate of which comes inclosed We now dispatch to you our Honble Masters Ship Colchester to take in a Loading of Pepper at your Place, and as the Gentlemen at Bengall have left it to Us to send what Ships We may think proper to take in the Surplus Pepper mentioned by the President and Council of Bombay to be on your Coast as soon as We are Informed of the Quantity You will have left after this Ship is fully loaded, We shall then resolve upon sending another for that purpose.

By the return of the Company's Ships Who have been dispatched to your Side, We hope should they call at your Place, that You will not omit sending Us by Them,

The Timber and Plank that has been so long lying at Tellicherry belonging to Our Honble Masters. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
19TH. DECEMBER 1748.

SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
——— ———.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT

P.S. Having laden some Redwood and Salt Petre on this Ship We send You inclosed Invoice and Bill of Lading for the same.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO TELLICHERRY ℔ SHIP COLCHESTER.

No. 1. General Letter dated 19th. Decr. } 1748.
2. Duplicate do. date 6 Decr. }
3. Invoice of Sundries laden on Ship Colchester amounting to Pags. 6216. 26. 30.
4. Bill of Lading for Do
5. Calculate of Ship Colchester's Tonnage.

FORT ST. DAVID 20TH. December 1748.

CHAS. BOURCHIER *Secry*.

No. 128

TO CAPTAIN RICHARD WOOD
OF SHIP COLCHESTER.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way for the Port of Tellicherry where on your arrival You are to deliver our Letter to the Chief and Factors there and to follow all such Orders as You shall receive from them for your future Proceedings. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 19th. day of December 1748.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHD. PRINCE.
WILLM. HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

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